



Dear Parent/Carer,

RECYCLING TO HELP THE YORKSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE

The Yorkshire Air Ambulance Charity with its recycling partner, Bag It Up Ltd, have been invited into your child's school on the Thursday 29th April 2010 to give a presentation to the pupils. We have been asked to give the children an insight as to how the Yorkshire Air Ambulance operates, and how life-saving funds are raised through our textile recycling scheme.

For your information, textile recycling is a fantastic way of helping the charity to raise much needed funds. The YAA work closely with Bag It Up Ltd who coordinate all the recycling collection bins throughout the region. Good quality garments are sorted, repacked and sold in the UK and worldwide. Items that cannot be re-sold are recycled into industrial wipers and cloths, insulation, new fibres and such like. The YAA receive a donation from the sale of the textiles.

Are you having a Spring clear-out?

After the presentation, each pupil will be given a yellow bag to bring home. We are kindly asking that in order to help our life-saving charity, if you have any unwanted clothes, shoes or household textiles.

If you manage to fill your bag, please send it back to school with your child on Monday 10th May 2010 where we will be there to collect them. Further information regarding the collection can be found below.

Along with the yellow bag, each pupil will also be given a Yorkshire Air Ambulance pen and the chance to enter a competition where the winner will win a trip to the YAA's Air Support Unit based at Leeds Bradford International Airport, to visit the helicopter and crew with 3 friends and 2 accompanying adults.

The Textile Recycling Scheme:

On Monday 10th May 2010 our staff will be on-site at school from 8.00am with a van and our very own mascot, 'Bazza Bank', to collect any bags brought in by the pupils. If you have more textiles to donate, please feel free to bring them in any other bags such as carrier bags or bin liners.

We accept the following:

- Any type of clothing
- Any type of footwear
- Household textiles such as bedding, towels, cushion covers

The Competition:

Bag It Up's mascot, 'Bazza Bank', needs a friend! We are asking the pupils to draw a mascot friend for Bazza, in-keeping with the textile recycling theme. Entries to the competitions should be brought to the school on Monday 10th May with bags of textiles and given to YAA or Bag It Up Ltd staff. The winner will be announced via the school by the end of the week.

The Yorkshire Air Ambulance relies solely on the generosity of individuals and organisations to help it continue its life-saving work. The charity needs over £7,200 per day to keep the helicopters and highly trained crew in the air.

Thank you in advance for your support, and we hope your child enjoys our presentation.

Kind regards

Yorkshire Air Ambulance