

## LOST PROPERTY

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thursday 19th May 2022

In Britain, 350,000 tonnes, that's around £140 million worth of used but still wearable clothing goes to landfill in the UK every year.



This seems like an unbelievably huge figure, but looking at the amount of un-named lost property in school at the moment, it is a reality we are having to try and find a solution for at Beaver Road.

Every Friday, we ensure all named clothes are returned to children and unnamed lost property is put out on tables in the playground for anyone to take what they want. Reminders are sent about when and where to look through the clothes. The PTA collect many items of clothing to resell, but unfortunately, we still have a very large amount of jumpers, t-shirts, coats and even shoes that need a good home.

Our World Warriers have been consulted about the issue and they have come up with several solutions including

- Ensure everything is named
- Donate to families
- Give to charity
- Send half termly reminders

Therefore, from after half term, the teachers in school will be checking every child has their clothes labelled and if they are not, children will be writing their own name



into their clothes in biro. Mr Knowles in particular has been tasked with ensuring everything is named whilst the children change for PE.

Alternatively, you can use Stikins Name Labels <u>https://www.stikins.co.uk/</u>, the company who provided free samples to over 600 Beaver Road families. By entering the number on the pack you received, our school can earn up to 30% commission.

Another option is Stamptastic, <u>https://stamptastic.co.uk/</u> who also support our PTA. When you enter M206SX in the discount code box, you receive 15% off your next purchase and the school also receives funds. Last year, this raised £600!

As an environmentally conscious school and to try to develop children's independence, please can we ask all our families to support us in trying to reduce the unsightly and unmanageable piles of clothes left around school. By labelling ALL your children's clothes and checking that they have everything they came to school with at the end of the day, I am sure we will see a big reduction in textile waste.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Best wishes,

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Mrs R Byrne Deputy Headteacher









