



February 2022

"Let all that you do be done in love"
1 Corinthians 16:14



Fairtrade Fortnight—28th February to 11th March 2022

For two weeks each year at the end of February and start of March, thousands of individuals across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes, people who are often exploited and underpaid.



**FAIRTRADE
SCHOOLS**

Last year's festival saw campaigners, shoppers, students and businesses come together in a show of support for the farmers behind our food on the front line of the climate crisis. There were over 50 virtual events with supporters sharing the power of Fairtrade and what needs to happen next to ensure farmers and workers are put front and centre of conversations on how to tackle the climate crisis.

In school we will be enjoying lots of activities over the Fairtrade Fortnight:

- ◆ 2nd March - Ethos Group will lead our Collective Worship about Fairtrade
- ◆ 3rd March - World Book Day—the children can come in their pyjamas and enjoy a Fairtrade hot chocolate and a story read by Mrs Mather. Our Foundation children will also have a visit from a lady called Sara Parker who works with women Fairtrade producers in Nepal.
- ◆ 10th March - Parents/Carers can join us in school for our 'Big Brew' event - see below
- ◆ A Fairtrade stall during the second week of Fairtrade Fortnight

We would like to welcome parents and carers into school on Thursday 10th March for Fairtrade's "Big Brew" where you can have a look at your child's learning and enjoy a Fairtrade home-made cake and Fairtrade cup of tea or coffee while our Ethos Group lead you on journey all about Fairtrade cotton.



All the money raised from this will go to the Traidcraft Charity who help to support people across the world in receiving a fair price for their work no matter what country they live in.
We will let you know the time for this when we return from the half term break.

St George's - Fairtrade Cotton School Uniform

Our school is introducing an ethical school uniform option made with Fairtrade Cotton and post-consumer recycled polyester, manufactured and supplied by Koolskools.



WHY FAIRTRADE COTTON/RECYCLED POLYESTER UNIFORM?

There is no difference in quality between Fairtrade cotton and normal cotton, but Fairtrade cotton farmers always receive a fair and sustainable payment for their crop. Their communities also receive a premium for projects such as building schools, hospitals, access to clean water and so on.

Being "Fairtrade Cotton Certified" means that all parts of the manufacturing chain have been inspected and audited to ensure that practices such as child labour and enforced overtime/long working hours don't exist. All the polyester in Koolskools-manufactured garments is GRS-certified, the highest recycled polyester clothing standard. The polyester will be post-consumer (e.g. recycled plastic bottles etc) recycled, lending the garments the strongest of planet-friendly credentials.

Please see overleaf for the story behind Koolskools and how to order!

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WHY KOOLSKOOLS

Based in Southampton, over the past 12 years Koolskools have built an internationally renowned ethical clothing company, and work with schools all over the UK. Koolskools is the only school uniform provider in the UK offering a complete range of garments made with Fairtrade cotton and recycled polyester.



Our research has proved that they offer quality, value-for-money garments that are double stitched, easy iron and durable.

Koolskools also work with schools all over the UK offering presentations to children of all ages about ethical and fair trading. The idea is that if the school embraces school uniform made with Fairtrade cotton, then our students are given the opportunity to learn all about the ethical trading story behind it.

HOW TO ORDER

Go to the buying page on the Koolskools website on the following link to place your order, or scan the QR code to take you directly there.



www.koolskools.co.uk/product-category/st-georges-cofe-primary-school-hyde/

There will be a flat delivery charge of £3.95, whether you order just one or multiple garments. Orders will take a maximum of 10 working days (15 days during the busy June to September period) to turn around, from the date of order placement.

LOOK FOR THE LABEL: FAIRTRADE COTTON



Scan the QR code and take a minute to watch a video all about Fairtrade Cotton and learn...



Some ways you can help to show your support at home during Fairtrade Fortnight are:

- ◆ Joining us for the "Big Brew" in the hall
- ◆ Supporting our Fairtrade stall
- ◆ Consider buying the Fairtrade uniform
- ◆ Making a Fairtrade switch when shopping, look for the logo and try and swap your tea, coffee or sugar
- ◆ Look out for the Fairtrade bananas in the shops
- ◆ See how many Fairtrade wrappers and stickers you can collect over the half term.

Fairtrade Banana Facts!

A THIRD OF BANANAS SOLD IN THE UK ARE FAIRTRADE

WHERE DO BANANAS COME FROM?

Originally, bananas came from Asia but today they come from all over the world. Most of the bananas sold in the UK come from Latin America, whereas India produces the most bananas overall. 90% of all Fairtrade bananas come from Latin America and the Caribbean. There are currently 258 Fairtrade certified banana organisations (co-operatives and commercial farms), representing over 36,480 farmers and workers in 16 countries.



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