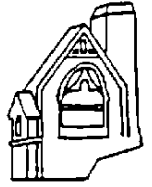




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Dear Parents/Carers

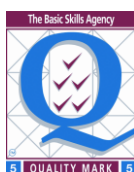
ODD SOCKS DAY - MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER **NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING WEEK (ONE KIND WORD) 15TH - 19TH NOVEMBER**

National Anti-Bullying Week is fast approaching and this year the theme is 'One Kind Word'. Kindness is probably more important today than ever before with the recent periods of lockdown highlighting how much small acts of kindness can mean to people. This campaign is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and its aim this year is to support children in understanding how the positive and kind things we do can halt hurtful behaviour.

To start the week, we are inviting children to wear odd socks on Monday 15th November as a means of raising awareness of Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day is an opportunity for people to express themselves and to celebrate their individuality and differences. There is no need to purchase new socks - any odd socks will be fine.

Our pupils will be involved in a range of activities which focus on friendships, behaviour and conduct. At our school, our children enjoy socialising and playing with each other during breaks and lunchtimes. Our older pupils mix very well with our younger pupils on the playground and give careful consideration to them whilst running and playing games. Occasionally, children may 'fall out' with friends but often these issues are quickly resolved within school. During PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) lessons, we cover topics such as 'Getting On and Falling Out' and how to respect other people and their differences. We reiterate that no-one should be called names, be teased, hurt or threatened and for children to say if they are unhappy about anything. The work will include looking at aspects of the school's Behaviour Policy and Code of Conduct. Teachers will discuss different scenarios with their pupils and invite them to participate in offering solutions to potential issues.

We aim to make all pupils aware of situations which may occur in or out of school, at home or on the internet and to speak to someone they know and trust (parent or teacher) if they have concerns. This complements our continuing work relating to e-safety and the potential risks associated with pupils using the internet and online communication. Your support in talking to your children about their use of



devices for chatting to their friends or playing games with them is important; often friendship issues amongst our older pupils occur as a result of their online activities outside of school.

Visitors to our school have commented on our children's excellent behaviour, the welcoming ethos which pervades the school and the exemplary manners displayed by even our youngest pupils.

If you have any questions, please contact me through the School Office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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