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Dear Parent/Carer,

Anti-Bullying Week 15th - 19th November

As a school, we use our weekly PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education) sessions to support the emotional development and wellbeing of the children in our care. We have an active Equality Team who meet weekly to promote a sense of equality in our school and promote respect for each other. The Equality team worked hard to launch our new Anti-Bullying charter and our anti-bullying ambassadors are on the playground to offer advice and support. Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. The focus for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is kindness and the theme is 'ONE KIND WORD'.

Every class in our school has a worry box where children can write any worries. These are checked regularly by teachers. We regularly talk to the children about bullying in class but this is the perfect week to really focus our attention on this important topic.

Anti-Bullying Week happens every year in November and we always use this week as a special opportunity to support and highlight what bullying is and what to do if children encounter bullying. We regularly talk to the children about bullying in class but this is the perfect week to really focus our attention on this very important topic. Please find details about how we will be marking Anti-Bullying Week below:

We will be using materials from the Anti-Bullying Alliance to work with the children during the week. Please use the following link to find out more:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2021-one-kind-word>

The parent/carers information can be found here:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

"Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week taking place from 15 to 19 of November 2021."





Here is a brief outline of what the children will be doing during the week:

- Wearing odd socks(with normal uniform) to school on Monday 15th November
- Taking part in two PSHE sessions
- Watching a video stimulus to discuss bullying
- Anti-Bullying Week assembly led by Mr Randell and Miss Biss
- Kindness card initiative
- Revising what our anti-bullying charter states. What does 'STOP' represent?
- Listening to stories linked to our theme
- Friday 19th will be 'Be Yourself Day'. Wear clothes that represent you and who you are. **Friday 19th of November is also 'Children in Need' day so we are asking the children to bring a charitable donation of £1 in return for wearing clothes that show who they are. We know the great work carried out by Children in Need and really want to support this deserving charity event.**
- Spread kindness
- Listening to the song released by Andy and the Odd Socks
- Parents and carers can use this link
<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>
to find support and resources on how to talk to their children about bullying at home.

We thank you in advance for your support and taking time to speak to your child about this very important issue.

Yours sincerely,

Norma Forster (PSHE Subject Leader)