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Dear Parents and Carers,

Anti-Bullying Week Monday 13th November – Friday 17th November 2023

This week is Anti-Bullying Week, the national theme for the week this year is 'Make a Noise about Bullying'.

We are starting the week with an assembly, looking at what bullying is, how it affects people and what we can do about it. We are looking at this year's theme of "Make a Noise about Bullying" to talk about how we can respond to bullying.

Each class will take part in different activities and lessons throughout the week to discuss and share ideas about Anti-Bullying.

Today, we included with the messenger '14 ways you can share kindness online' poster to support discussion with your children.

Odd Socks Day: This week the children are welcome to wear odd socks on Friday 17th November (or all week!)

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week. To celebrate that we are all unique, we are asking the children to wear odd socks to school on Friday 17th, or everyday if they prefer! It sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves, free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.

You can find more information from the Anti-Bullying Alliance Anti-Bullying Alliance: <u>https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/</u>

If you ever have any concerns about your child please speak to any member of staff, but in particular please see Miss Hancock. Miss Hancock, our family support worker and safeguarding officer, works with any individual child or groups of children where issues have arisen. Miss Hancock will work closely with you to ensure your child feels safe at school and will aim to resolve any issues that may be present with your child and either their friends or other children in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Rigby Principal