10 November 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Anti-Bullying Week**
**Monday 13 – Friday 17 November 2017**

Our school is taking part in Anti-Bullying Week this term between Monday 13th–Friday 17th November 2017. Anti-Bullying Week helps schools across England to shine a spotlight on bullying and encourage all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year.

The theme this year is ‘**All Equal, All Different**’. It is co-ordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and they have set the following key aims:

- To empower children and young people to celebrate what makes them, and others, unique
- To help children and young people understand how important it is that every child feels valued and included in school, able to be themselves, without fear of bullying
- To encourage parents and carers to work with their school and talk to their children about bullying, difference and equality
- To enable teachers and other children’s workforce professionals to celebrate what makes us ‘all different, all equal’ and celebrate difference and equality. Encouraging them to take individual and collective action to prevent bullying, creating safe environments where children can be themselves.

**Activities for the week**

- **Jigsaw lessons** - lessons will be covered during the week which will help to raise awareness and equip the children with an understanding as to how to stop bullying from happening.
- **Assemblies** – These will carry an anti-bullying theme throughout the week, alongside learning songs about friendship.
- **Whole school display** – each class will be producing work which will contribute towards a whole school anti-bullying display which will be put up outside the school kitchen area.
- **Non-Uniform Day** – On **Thursday 16th November** we will be inviting the children to come to school dressed in blue clothing (blue being linked to anti-bullying) in exchange for donating £1 towards raising money for the work that bullying UK carries out. This year we have also purchased blue ‘**Anti-Bullying’ wristbands** for the children to receive as part of their £1 donation.

*Please find overleaf, an information sheet that the Anti-bullying Alliance provides for parents and carers.*

We hope that the week will be a great success and that the children will gain a greater understanding of what bullying behavior is and how to deal with it.

Yours sincerely,

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