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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Our school is holding an Anti-Bullying Week, which will run from Monday 12th November – Friday 16th November 2018. Anti-Bullying Week helps schools to shine a spotlight on bullying and encourage all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year. This year, we will hold an **Odd Socks Day on Thursday 15th November**.

The theme this year is '**Choose Respect**'. It is organised 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 to 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 school support staff to celebrate what makes us 'all different, all equal' by celebrating difference and equality and taking individual and collective action to prevent bullying, creating safe environments where children can be themselves



This year's Anti-bullying week will include a range of fun and educational activities, designed to raise awareness and promote the tolerance and respect for all.

During the week, we will:

- **Hold an Odd Socks day on Thursday 15th November where by all children will be encouraged to come to school in odd socks. There is no donation necessary.**
- Have dedicated assemblies focused on Anti-bullying and celebrating our differences and our equality.
- Class based anti-bullying lessons delivered by teachers focusing on the differences between behaviour that is rude, mean and bullying along with how to get help and support.

What can you do to support us to stop bullying and participate in Anti-Bullying Week?

- On Thursday 15th November, encourage your child to wear odd socks to school for Odd Sock Day.
- Talk to your child about bullying and Anti-Bullying Week.
- The Anti-Bullying Alliance have a free online tool to support parents to understand bullying and what to do if you're worried about it – you can access it at www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents/interactive-anti-bullying-tool-parents or use the link on our school website.
- For information on cyber-bullying, please visit: www.stopspeaksupport.com

Yours sincerely,

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