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Dear Parents/Carers,

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. It will take place from 11th to 15th November 2024 and has the theme: **‘Choose Respect’**. As a school we will be supporting this national awareness raising initiative. This work will be through workshops and assemblies. This year Odd Socks Day is taking place on the Tuesday of Anti-Bullying Week, to avoid a clash with Armistice Day. Odd Socks Day is a chance for us to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way by asking pupils and staff to wear odd socks to school. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy expensive costumes. All the children need to do to take part is wear odd socks, it could not be simpler! We will use Anti-bullying week to continue our work in raising pupils’ awareness of what bullying is, what it is not, how to respond and reach out for help with trusted adults at school and home.

Bullying is behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, which intentionally hurts other people, either physically or emotionally

As part of this year’s Anti-Bullying Week, we are urging everyone to think about how we can **‘Choose Respect’** and how we can role model this behaviour at school, at home and in the community.

Our lessons and assemblies during Anti-Bullying week will build on our weekly PSHE lessons. The children will unpick the term ‘respect’ and how it can mean different things to different people. They will learn about when we talk about respect, we talk about showing that you value someone, including valuing their feelings, views, and opinions, even if they differ from their own. They will also talk about accepting and understanding others, giving them the same consideration they would expect for themselves.

In launching the 2024 anti-bullying week theme **‘Choose Respect’** The Anti-Bullying Alliance emphasise these key messages:

- From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones, this Anti-Bullying Week let’s ‘Choose Respect’ and bring an end to bullying which negatively impacts millions of young lives.
- This year, we’ll empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline.
- Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrive - it’s not just a dream, it’s in the choices we make.



As a parent or carer, you have a unique role to play in guiding and supporting your child through their school years and there are many positive steps you can take to help keep your child safe from bullying





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and harm online and in the community. The Anti-Bullying Alliance has a wealth of useful information to support families.

Anti-Bullying Alliance – A tool for Parents and Carers booklet 2024

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/attachments/ABW%20Parents%20Pack%202024.pdf>

Scanning the QR code below will take you to our Parent Support page on our school website. Here you will find a wealth of information and resources to help you understand issues around bullying, how we support children in school and leaflets for parents to help you have discussions around conflict resolution and respectful, kind behaviour.



If you have any questions or concerns raised by your child, around the issues in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the school so we can support you.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours sincerely

E H Britten
Headteacher

