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Anti-bullying Week 15th-19th November 2021 "One Kind Word"

Dear Parent/Carer

Every November, schools throughout the UK take part in Anti-Bullying Week. This is an opportunity to shine a light on bullying and consider the steps we can take to stop it.

This year Anti-Bullying Week 2021 is taking place from Monday 15th to Friday 19th November and it has the theme 'One Kind Word.' We all want our children to be happy and safe and it is natural to worry about bullying. Bullying has a long-lasting effect on those who experience it and witness it and it does not just happen in school, it can take place anywhere and at any time.

"THE ONE KIND WORD CALL TO ACTION"

In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying. Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. So from the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity. It starts with one kind word. It starts today.

As a parent or carer, you are a vital piece of the puzzle in tackling bullying, by guiding and supporting your child through their school years. We will be sharing information via presentations and discussions with the students about bullying and its effects. This is not just a one week focus however, as we work continuously to tackle this important issue and it is also included in our 'Touching Hearts Curriculum'.

To highlight what makes us all unique, we are offering students the opportunity to wear odd socks on Monday 15th November 2021 to launch Anti-bullying week.

Simply wear one sock on one foot and a different sock on the other and for this day only they can be any colour and can be worn over tights if wearing a skirt!

This is completely voluntary but it would be good to see as many people from Years 7-13 as well as staff taking part as possible! We are not raising money but we are raising awareness!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr P Johnson
Vice Principal

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