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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know from my newsletters; next week is Anti-Bullying Week. The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is to choose respect over bullying.

Following a consultation by The Anti-Bullying Alliance with over 800 children, teachers and members of the Anti-Bullying Alliance, it emerged that a top priority was showing that bullying is a behaviour choice, and that children and young people can set a positive example by opting to respect each other at school, in their homes and communities, and online.

As a school we promote Anti-Bullying throughout the year through our ethos, behaviour and PSHE learning. However, it is important to promote the significance of this national awareness week to emphasise the message to the children.

To mark the beginning of Anti-bullying week on Monday 12th November 2018 we would like to join the Anti-Bullying alliance in holding an **Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week**. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and appreciate individuality and uniqueness!

There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy new socks. All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school on the first day of Anti Bullying Week, **Monday 12th November** to help raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week, the children do not need to bring in a donation to take part.

During the week the children will take part in activities and lessons to promote Anti-Bullying and the School Council will be reviewing our 'Child Speak' Anti-Bullying Policy.

During the assembly on Friday 16th November, Year 6 will share their Anti-Bullying Week assembly and all of the children are invited to wear their pajamas to school in support of **Children in Need**.

It will be a very busy week where the children focus on their well-being, friendships and how we can 'Choose Respect'. Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Louise Prestidge

Headteacher

