

# Fairfields Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Next week at Fairfields we will be participating in this year's National Anti-bullying week (Nov 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>). The theme is 'Choose Respect.' We will be exploring three questions around this topic with the children: What does respect mean to you? What is self-respect? How do you show respect to others?

This Anti-Bullying Week we will come together to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying. Of course, we won't like *everyone* and we don't *always* agree, but we can choose respect and unity.

We are pleased to share with you some of the things that we will be doing as a school to raise awareness of Anti-bullying, promote kindness, celebrate difference and acceptance of others.

Following our whole-school anti-bullying assembly on Monday, on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, we invite the whole school to wear Odd Socks to highlight the fact that we are all unique! The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves, free from bullying, and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way. Look out for teacher's odd socks too!

Throughout the week, the children will be reading stories and exploring texts with an anti-bullying message to them. We will be carrying out random acts of kindness throughout the week and staff will be focusing on the 'Respectful' aspect of our PROUD values, awarding 'PROUD points' to children who are seen to be carrying out acts of kindness and showing respect towards others in school.

Friday will be a 'Friendship' Friday in our classes, and we will talk to the children about the positive messages we have explored during the week. Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> is also Children in Need and we will be having a non-uniform day.

We would like to decorate our classrooms with anti-bullying messages so please feel free to make posters and banners at home with your child to bring in this week and next, to decorate their classroom.

We look forward to exploring some of the issues surrounding anti-bullying with the children and hope that you will continue the discussions at home.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M. Glossop, PSHE Coordinator

