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Dear Parents and Carers,

Inclusivity Week : 11th-15th November

Promoting inclusive attitudes and behaviours is central to our vision, values and curriculum. Through celebrating, sharing and developing an understanding of differences, we encourage children to nurture and include all and to believe that they can succeed in whatever they strive to achieve. Inclusivity Week is an opportunity for the whole school to take a step back from routine and really focus on this and the important issues of tolerance, equality, respect, inclusiveness and kindness.

As always, Inclusivity Week coincides with national Anti-Bullying Week, where the theme this year is 'Choose Respect. The whole school will take part with a range of events and lessons as follows:

Monday 11 th	Choose Respect - introducing the theme of Anti-bullying Week and our inter-school poetry competition. We will discuss how it's important to respect and be kind even when we disagree or are different to one another.
Tuesday 12 th	Neurodiversity – Year 1 to Year 6 will attend an assembly by a specialist SEND teacher with the Autism team to learn more about neurodiversity. Our visitor will then work with years 3, 5 and 6 to run a workshop giving them a deeper understanding of neurodiversity. Odd Socks Day – all children and staff will wear their odd socks in celebration of our uniqueness! Full school uniform apart from the crazy socks 😊
Wednesday 13 th	Protected Characteristics – what are the 9 protected characteristics and what is the Equality Act 2010 for? Equality is a legal right which enables everyone to follow their dreams.
Thursday 14 th	Equality vs Equity – we will learn how sometimes we need different things to help us and that this isn't unfair, it just gives us the same opportunity to thrive.
Friday 15 th	Summing up – children will reflect on their learning this week, talk about what they have discovered and have an opportunity to ask questions.

Please keep an eye on our website and social media platforms to see what we're up to. Speaking with your child/ren about what they have been doing really helps to reinforce what we do in school.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Angela Bromley
 HLTA & PSHE Co-ordinator

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 May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed Psalm 20:4*

