



Dear Parents

I am sure your children have shared with you that this week is the national anti-bullying week to highlight the importance of anti-bullying. It is an important week and we have chosen to focus on this issue not only for one week but as an ongoing theme. We have been focusing on 'celebrating good behaviour' and rewarding children who consistently make good choices, placing others first.

Today is 'odd socks' day and at St Joseph's we have chosen to do this on Friday. It is important for children to understand how all our actions and words can either have a positive or negative impact on others. Anti-bullying needs to be a focus every day throughout the year and we have planned for our pupil leadership teams to lead on this.

I would appreciate it if you could reinforce our vision with your child and talking to them about what they can do to positively impact on others and, not just for one week but continuously. We encourage our pupils to know that actions and words have consequences and therefore we celebrate good behaviour in the firm belief that every child matters and can bring about change.

We will spend assemblies talking about anti-bullying and changes we can bring about; this will be followed up in class. The pupil leadership team have already started to look at the playground and reorganise it to support good behaviour. I am delighted to say that at St. Joseph's pupil voice is active and certainly demonstrates the motto that 'Change begins with us'

As part of our initiative, I am launching a poster competition for children to create an anti-bullying poster and the winning entries will be displayed around the school and will be used on flyers. We will be introducing this to the children in assembly tomorrow. Please do encourage them to be creative with their posters and reinforce that the purpose of the poster is to tell audiences that bullying is not acceptable and we celebrate good behaviour.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your sincerely

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