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### Anti-Bullying Week: Monday 13th - Friday 17th November

Dear Parents/Carers,

Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. Last November, 80% of schools marked the week, reaching over 7.5 million children and young people. That's a big impact!

This year we are delighted to be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week again, this year's theme is 'Make A Noise'. This is because, too often, we are silent when we see bullying take place, silent about the hurt bullying causes, and silent when we hear bullying dismissed as 'just banter'. This year we are coming 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. We want our pupils to know that bullying is not acceptable and not tolerated in our school.

To promote Anti-Bullying Week we have a range of activities and events for our pupils to participate in. We start the week with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November**, where pupils and staff are invited to wear odd socks. It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique. A voluntary donation of £1 will be collected on the gate with all donations going to the Anti-Bullying Alliance. KS2 will also be shown the online production of 'Hope' - specially written for schools as it deals with the issue of bullying in a sensitive, reflective and entertaining way.

We will end the week with 'Friendship Friday', an opportunity to reflect on what friendship is and what kind of friend we are to others, while celebrating friendship and promote positive relationships. It's a chance for us to reach out to others. This is also Children In Need (Pudsey) Day. We would like the children to come dressed up. Please see the separate Children In Need letter for further information.

If you would like further information or to take part in some activities yourself at home, please visit [Parents and Carers \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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