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Parents/Carers

To show our support for Anti-Bullying Week 2024, we have delivered online assemblies to all year groups today.

The theme is 'Choose Respect'.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) chose the theme of 'Choose Respect' following consultation with teachers and pupils. The organisation coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

This year, the ABA says they want to "empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline". The official 'ODD SOCKS DAY' is taking place on Tuesday 12th November, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. To support this, we have asked pupils to follow this initiative all week.

In addition, we will be supporting the Children in Need charity on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November by holding a non-uniform day. The theme this year is 'Make Life Lighter for Children', we are encouraging our pupils and staff to wear yellow or spots. We ask that, where possible, a £1 donation is made - either online via ParentPay or at the entrance at the start of the academy day. A bake sale will be held at break time to raise additional funds. Pupils that wish to buy items must do so with a cash payment. We recommend a small amount of money only - £3 maximum.

The dress code for non-uniform days is "school appropriate clothing" - this means, pupils should dress appropriately and are not permitted to wear any of the following:

- X Very short shorts or skirts
- **X** Crop tops or tops that leave midriffs uncovered
- X Flip-flops/Sliders or backless footwear including Crocs, due to health and safety issues
- **X** Excessive make up or jewellery
- X Tank tops or vest tops
- **X** Clothing with offensive or inappropriate logos

A collection of photographs from the events will be in this week's newsletter.

Yours sincerely

Mr K Beeby

**Head of School**