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Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 16 – Friday 20 November



Dear parents and carers

Anti-Bullying Week shines a spotlight on our school's belief in creating a climate in which everyone agrees that bullying is unacceptable. The theme for this year is 'United Against Bullying'. Please visit <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week> for further information. Their manifesto for change says:

'This year, more than ever, we've witnessed the positive power that society can have when we come together to tackle a common challenge.'

Anti-Bullying Week is no different. Bullying has a long-lasting effect on those who experience and witness it. But by channeling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying together. From parents and carers, to teachers and politicians, to children and young people, we all have a part to play in coming together to make a difference.

We're all a piece in the puzzle, and together, we're united against bullying.'

At Longstone, we are fortunate that our children care for each other and treat each other with kindness and respect. We are proud of this and we are continually committed to ensuring there is no place for bullying behaviour by establishing a safe and inclusive learning environment that nurtures, supports and inspires.

Respectful behaviour towards others is part of our ethos, culture and daily life. We are aware that sometimes children fall out and have friendship issues and we do our very best to model, educate and inform our children through our spiritual, moral, social and cultural provision in school e.g. PSHE, citizenship and assemblies. However, we don't want to rest on our laurels and understand the importance of educating our children about Anti-Bullying to ensure that our children can identify it, speak about it and stop it.

As part of **Anti-Bullying Week**, we will be asking the children to complete a friendship survey. The results of the survey will be shared with the whole school community. We will also be learning about Anti-Bullying in class and we will be running assemblies that support this year's theme too.

On **Monday 16th November**, children can come to school wearing '**Odd Socks**' as a way of celebrating difference and raising awareness of anti-bullying week.

If you would like further information on Anti Bullying Week 2020, please see the following links and resources:

<http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>

Kind regards

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