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Dear Families

This term the children at The Orchard are learning about positive friendships and relationships. Throughout this theme the children are encouraged to develop kindness and respect towards others, by completing activities such as sharing, playing in groups, and taking turns. They may complete sessions identifying their peers through looking at photographs of the children in their class or share a class personalised book. Other activities may include sharing stories and rhymes or completing TAC PAC sessions about friendship.

As a part of this topic, work is also linked with National Anti-bullying Week which will take place this year between **Monday 11th of November and Friday 15th of November**. We would like to encourage all members of The Orchard school community to take part in this national event. As the theme this year for Anti-bullying week is respect; we have also included Remembrance Day into our weekly events which will take place on **Monday the 11th November**. Anti-bullying week will officially start with **Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 12th November**; a day where everyone is encouraged to wear odd socks to help celebrate all the amazing ways in which people are different. On this day we would like your child to come to school wearing odd socks; and it would be lovely if any family members; mom, dad, siblings, aunties, uncles, or grandparents could send into school a photo of themselves wearing odd socks with their child. We will also be sending home a "design your own" 'RESPECT' poster competition for siblings of pupils at The Orchard. If siblings would like to take part, please just send the completed posters back to school with your child. There will also be links on the Orchard website recommended by organisations such as the anti-bullying league which have been designed to support parents. These links also include on-line safety tips for children under the age of 5. In addition, we will be sending home a proud parent certificate, where family members can write all the different ways your child demonstrates respect or kindness. This may be as simple as giving you a smile. Please could you send your completed proud parent certificates back to school with your child.

We will also be celebrating World Kindness Day (13th of November) and Children in Need (Friday 15th November) as a part of our anti-bullying week. Throughout the week your child will be completing some activities based around being kind and will complete Pudsey based activities on Friday. Further information will be sent home regarding Children in Need.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or would like further information. Many thanks for your continuing support.

Kind Regards

Mrs Charlene Degg
PSHE Lead