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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 the 13th of November and Friday the 17th of November**. We would like to encourage all members of the Orchard school community to take part in this national event. **On Monday the 13th of November** anti-bullying week will start with **Odd Socks Day**; 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, aunts, 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 anti-bullying poster' competition for siblings of pupils at the Orchard. If siblings would like to take part, please send the completed posters back into 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 five.

We will also be celebrating World Kindness Day (13th November) and Children in Need (Friday 17th 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 17th of November** your child is welcome to come to school wearing bright colours or something spotty with a donation of £1.00 to support Children in Need. **Please make your donations for Children in Need through the school's Parent Pay app**. There will also be a raffle with all proceeds going towards school fund where you can win a cuddly Pudsey bear. Raffle tickets will cost £1.00; if you would like to take part in the raffle, please send £1.00 into school with your child.

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 leader)

