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November Events – Supported by Coopersale

Dear families,

Anti-Bullying Week & Odd Socks Day

This year, we are holding Odd Socks Day. It's a chance for Primary schools to celebrate **Anti-Bullying Week** in a positive way by asking pupils to wear odd socks to school. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks, it couldn't be simpler! **Odd Socks Day** will take place on the first day of Anti Bullying Week, **Monday 15th November** to help raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week. The rest of your child's school uniform should be worn as normal.

As a school, we will be participating in a range of activities throughout the week, in line with our PSHE curriculum. This will include more work on understanding the school ethos on bullying and how we treat others and exploring kindness. We hope that the children will enjoy the week and find it valuable. Please click on the link for more information: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/odd-socks-day>



Children in Need & 'Express Yourself' Non-Uniform Day



You may also already know that **Friday 19th November** is the day of BBC Children in Need Appeal. We are excited to be joining with many others around the UK to participate in the fundraising programme. This day will be a **non-uniform day** where we would like the children to dress in any way they wish.

The theme is **'Express yourself'**. Children will be taking part in a 'Goodbye Raincloud' activity to help them articulate their own feelings and experiences and to develop empathy. Again, this forms part of our PSHE Programme of Study.

Donations: We are asking families to donate online using this link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4572>

Please note that Year 5 & 6 will be on an educational visit to Greenwich Royal Observatory and will need to wear full school uniform for the trip.

No Pens Day Wednesday

On **Wednesday 24th November** we will also be supporting **'No Pens Day.'** No Pens Day Wednesday is a national speaking and listening event organised by The Communication Trust. Of all the skills we develop in school, the ability to communicate effectively is the one that has the most profound and potentially positive impact on our lives. Communication is at the core of what we do: in the home, in school, at work and socially. Each class will 'put their pens down' and 'pick up their language' throughout the day. The lessons will be fun and engaging with a mixture of story- telling, role play and question and answer sessions. The children will be strengthening their communication and language skills through different curriculum activities. More information on The Communication Trust and No Pens Day is available on their website. <https://ican.org.uk/no-pens-day-wednesday/>

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