

3rd November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all had a restful break and that the children are ready for another busy and exciting term of learning. We have a number of events happening over the next two weeks.

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, and the national theme this year is "Power for Good."

Throughout the week, we will be helping the children understand that power should always be used responsibly and positively. Bullying involves a power imbalance – where one person uses their influence to control or harm someone else. Next week is about helping pupils recognise that we all hold power in different ways – through our words, our actions, our friendships and our choices – and that we all have a responsibility to use that power to be kind, supportive and to stand up for others. This learning will, of course, be delivered in an age-appropriate way.

We will be teaching children that:

- power should never be used to dominate, control, coerce or manipulate
- we can all use our power to include, protect and support
- everyone in our school has the right to feel safe, respected and valued

We are also running a competition that all children can enter. The competition is to design an anti-bullying poster. Children will be bringing home a sheet to create their poster on. The winning entry will receive a copy of the Guinness Book of Records and will have their poster uploaded to the school website and Facebook page. Entries must be returned to school by Wednesday 12th November.

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, next **Monday November 10<sup>th</sup> will be Odd Socks Day.** This is a fun and simple way to celebrate our differences and raise awareness. There is no pressure to buy anything new or fashionable – all children need to do is come to school wearing odd socks! It couldn't be easier.

On **Tuesday 11th November**, we will also be recognising Armistice Day. Children are welcome to wear poppies in school, and the School Council will be leading a whole-school assembly on Monday 10th November to explain the importance of remembrance and what Armistice Day is all about.

Finally, we will also be raising money for Children in Need this year on **Thursday 13th November**. We are inviting children to donate £1 to take part in a non-uniform day. Children are welcome to wear their own clothes and if they would like to wear Pudsey merchandise, that is absolutely fine – this can be purchased from local shops if you wish.

Please note that school will be closed on Friday 14th November for INSET.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Regards

Daniel Webster Headteacher