

7<sup>th</sup> November 2023



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to provide you with information regarding events taking place at Smestow Academy next week.

### **World Kindness Day - 13<sup>th</sup> November**

World Kindness Day first took place in 1998 and its mission is to create a kinder world by inspiring individuals and nations towards greater kindness. At Smestow Academy, we will be discussing acts of kindness that we could demonstrate in and around school on Monday, but all week too. The event will also be discussed in our House assemblies, led by Ms Davey (Head of Dawley House) and the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.

### **Anti-Bullying Week - week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November**

National Anti-Bullying week is also taking place next week, with the theme this year being "Make a noise about bullying". All pupils will be part of the House assemblies being delivered, and year 8 and year 9 pupils will be developing their understanding of what bullying is this term as part of their personal development curriculum. To raise awareness of anti-bullying week and to show our support here at Smestow Academy, we will be holding an "odd-socks day" on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. This is an activity that has been linked with anti-bullying week for a long time and is a visual expression to celebrate that we are all unique. There is no cost involved and I would encourage as many pupils as possible to take part.

### **Children in Need - 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Children in Need day is taking place at the end of the week and we hope to raise as much money as we can to help those children who are not as fortunate as our own. Pupils are invited to pop any spare change that they have into collection buckets throughout the day, donate money for the cake sale at breaktime or take part in a basketball shoot-out on the tennis courts. Staff and Sixth Form pupils are actively encouraged to take part in the fancy dress competition for £1 too!

I understand that this is a difficult time for all of us with Christmas soon on its way too, but we would like to encourage as many of our pupils to take part in as many of the opportunities we are offering as part of our active citizenship in school. The only event taking place where spare change will be greatly appreciated will be for Children in Need and we do ask for change as all collection buckets are sealed.



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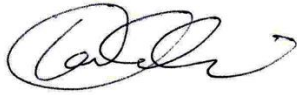
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I hope you can see that we are developing our personal development curriculum and how these activities are helping our pupils uphold our Smestow Values, such as 'making a difference everyday' and providing a 'welcoming and caring environment' in our school. (Please see Smestow Values below)

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



**Mr I Chamberlain**  
**Headteacher**

## Smestow Values



**S**uccess achieved together  
**M**aking a difference every day  
**E**quality and respect for all  
**S**trive to improve and be your best  
**T**elling school  
**O**pen to all opinions and own what you do  
**W**elcoming and caring environment



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