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Dear Parent/Carer,

Anti-Bullying Week: 11th-15th November 2024

Here at Smestow Academy, and as parents and carers, we all want our children to be happy and safe. It is natural to worry about bullying - particularly if we have experienced bullying ourselves or think our child may be more vulnerable to bullying. The good news is you are not alone! Smestow Academy supports the work conducted by the Anti-Bullying Alliance to work with children, families, and schools to help keep children safe.

Every November schools throughout the United Kingdom take part in Anti-Bullying Week. This is an opportunity to spotlight bullying and consider the steps we can take together to stop it. Anti-Bullying Week 2024 will take place from Monday 11th - Friday 15th November, with the theme: Choose Respect.

As a parent or carer, you are a vital piece of the puzzle in tackling bullying. You have a unique role to play in guiding and supporting your child through their school years and there are many positive steps you can take to help keep your child safe from bullying and harm.

If you are worried about bullying and need some advice or support you can contact the Kidscape Parent Advice Line. You can find out more on the following link <http://www.kidscape.org.uk/>

As part of the celebrations in school during Anti-Bullying Week, will be participating in 3 events:

Odd Socks Day – Tuesday 12th November

Pupils and staff are invited to wear odd socks to show that it is ok to be different and stand up to bullying and discrimination.

World Kindness Day – Wednesday 13th November

Pupils and staff are invited to demonstrate acts of kindness during the school day in support of the World Kindness movement.

Children in Need – Friday 15th November

Pupils and staff are invited to support fundraising activities in school in aid of Children in Need. We would ask that you spare what change you can for this worthwhile cause. Monies are collected in sealed buckets, so no change can be given at this event.



We are sure that you are already following us on our many social media platforms – it is here, and our school website that you can keep updated with regards to our support of our active citizenship events taking place next week. If you aren't following us, please do!

School Website – www.smestowacademy.co.uk

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/SmestowAcademy>

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Thank you for your continued support with our personal development programme in School.

Yours faithfully



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