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Dear Parent/Carer

FRIENDSHIP WEEK

We are pleased to inform you that week commencing 16th November will be our 'Friendship' week.

The theme is 'United Against Bullying.' This links to this year's national Anti-Bullying week which aims to highlight the fact that we all need to come together and play our part to unite against bullying. If we work together to combat bullying, we can be a stronger team. During the week our pupils will be undertaking lessons and activities connected to this theme.

One of our Christian Values this term is Friendship. We will be reading and thinking about friendship themed stories from the Old and New Testament, including the story of Jonathan and David (1 Samuel 18-20). Through Collective Worship we will be encouraging the children to listen to others, respect and celebrate difference and work together to overcome conflict.

Our children learn about Christian Values in Collective Worship, Religious Education lessons, circle time but most importantly through the seamless permeation during our daily routines. These values are at the centre of our learning and lives in school. The values link closely to the 3 Rs that the children know and use so well - respect and take care of ourselves; respect and take care of others and respect and take care of the environment and the world in which we live. We feel that by continuing to focus on these values in more depth we are setting the tone for a positive ethos that helps to not only guide behaviour, but also develop character, spiritual awareness and self-esteem.

"Sweet friendships refresh the soul and awaken our hearts with joy, for good friends are like the anointing oil that yields the fragrant incense of God's presence."

Proverbs 27:9

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Orme and Mrs S Mitchell
PSHE Leaders