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Dear Parent/Carer

FRIENDSHIP WEEK

We are pleased to inform you that week commencing 13th November will be our 'Friendship' week.

The theme is 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. Too often, we are silent when we see bullying take place, silent about the hurt bullying causes, and silent when we hear bullying dismissed as 'just banter'. It doesn't have to be this way.

Of course, we won't like everyone and we don't always agree, but we can choose respect and unity.

This Anti-Bullying Week let's come together to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying.

From the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, let's make a noise about bullying.

During the week our pupils will be undertaking circle time, lessons and activities connected to this theme. Pupils will be exploring ways to use their voice to ask for help and to support each other whilst discussing healthy and respectful friendships and ways to stay safe.

Our Collective Worship that week will focus on friendship themed stories including the story of Jesus and John the Apostle.

We will be thinking about our school's 3Rs 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 and encouraging the children to listen to others, respect and celebrate difference and work together to overcome conflict.

"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
PSHE Team

