



ST. STEPHEN'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Wear odd socks to support Anti-bullying week on Friday 17th November 2017.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school is taking part in Anti-Bullying week this term between Monday 13th- Friday 17th November 2017. Each year we shine a spotlight on bullying and encourage all children, staff and parents to take action against bullying. The theme this year is **"All different All equal"**. It is organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and we have planned a range of ways to learn more about bullying this week here at school including;

- Assemblies focusing on What is bullying ? celebrating our differences, understanding diversity and promoting tolerance.
- Opportunities to act and be filmed in an anti-bullying video.
- A poster competition – design a poster to celebrate: **"All different All equal"**. A winner will be selected from each year group, have their poster displayed around their year group, on our website and receive an Art prize. Poster deadline will be: Friday 17th November 2017. Pupils can go to the Cedars at lunch times where resources will be provided to complete their poster.
- Class elections for Anti-bullying ambassadors and workshops next term for those elected.
- Pupils will have a class workshop recognising and celebrating their differences.
- Year 5 & 6 pupils will be offered the chance to apply for Peer Mediation training. 15 pupils will be able to complete this training with the Mediation Service here at school in January. This is important to our school as developing pupils skills to listen to different points of view and resolve fall outs helps to prevent bullying.

Pupils in Years 5 & 6 will also enjoy a musical performance from artists associated with The Prime Agency on Tuesday 28th November at 1.30pm who will be promoting messages about Online Safety, Cyber Bullying and Discrimination.

What can you do to support us to stop bullying and participate in Anti-bullying week?

- Read the Anti-bullying alliance top tips for parents (on the rear of this letter). Talk to your child about bullying.
- Sign up to our twitter account and keep in touch with our activities during the week on twitter @SSJSCanterbury.
- Come and talk to us! We want to hear what is working well and what we could do differently to help stop bullying.

Yours sincerely,

Sally Millsted, Family Learning Manager.