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Dear Parents and Carers,

Holy Trinity is taking part in Anti-Bullying Week this term between Monday 15th–Friday 19th November. Anti-Bullying Week helps our school to shine a spotlight on bullying and encourage all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year. This year's theme is 'One Kind Word' and we will celebrate that we are all unique by participating in several activities throughout the week.

On Monday, 15th of November, we ask that children wear odd socks to school. Last year, over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves, free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.

WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

- Make sure your child wears odd socks to school
- Donate £1 to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work.

THE REST OF THE WEEK

Throughout the week, children will celebrate differences in PSHE lessons and in Literacy, use dialogue and scenes from the movies 'Eleanor's Secret' and 'Wonder' to explore how we can be kind to one another.

On Tuesday, EYFS and KS1 will watch the movie 'Eleanor's Secret' (Rated U). This is a story that reveals the damage that bullying can do to young people's self-esteem and ability to achieve, but also shows that bullying behaviour can be reversed. They will participate in a series of writing, drawing and acting activities to explore being kind to others.

Children in KS2 will participate in activities related to the movie 'Wonder' and watch the film on Thursday. This film is about a boy, born with facial differences, who tries to fit in at school and make everyone realise that he is no different to anybody else. It is adapted from the bestselling novel by R.J. Palacio's and demonstrates the importance of learning to see the world through other people's eyes and to always strive to choose kindness. The movie has clear positive messages about choosing kindness, appreciating everyone for who they are (rather than what they look like). True friendship, empathy and perseverance are also strong themes.

The film Wonder, is rated PG (appropriate for ages 7 and older), for the following reasons:

- There is some fighting among young teens
- Sad moments involving a loss
- Teens kiss
- adults flirt/exchange mild innuendo
- A teen character finishes her mum's abandoned glass of wine after her mom, who's going through a difficult divorce, falls asleep.

Language includes:

- Name-calling and insult words like "shut up," "jerk," "freak," and "deformed," as well as a few "oh my Gods".

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

To support us to stop bullying and participate in Anti-Bullying Week you can:

- Talk to your child about bullying and the importance of Anti-Bullying Week.
- The Anti-Bullying Alliance have a free online tool to support parents to understand bullying and what to do if you're worried about it – you can access it at www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/parenttool
- Come and talk to us! We want to hear from you what is working well, and what we could do differently to help stop bullying.

Yours sincerely,

Tricia Hall

Class Teacher and PSHE-RSE Lead

If you do **NOT** wish your child to watch the film 'Wonder'. Please complete the following slip and return it to your child's class teacher.

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Anti-Bullying week - Film Event - 'Wonder'

I do **NOT** wish my child to watch the film Wonder.

Child name and class:

Parent name: Signature:

Date: