

Odd Socks Day on Monday

On Monday we would like everyone to come to school wearing odd socks!

This is to launch our anti-bullying week – the theme this year is: **All different, all equal!**

We think this sums up our school really well and hope that ever child will join in!

Children will be taking part in lots of other activities next week; **we would like to invite parents to visit their child's class on Friday afternoon at 2.45 to see what your children have been learning.**

We know that the thought of bullying worries both children and parents. We already work really hard on helping children to understand the difference between bullying and falling out with friends. We log all reported instances of bullying and follow up by talking to everyone concerned. We usually find that problems can be talked through and solutions reached which allow everyone to move on but this does take time. Appropriate sanctions are applied from loss of break times and lunch to internal seclusion and even temporary exclusions from school. Although 'punishment' clearly has its place we find that long lasting solutions only happen when everyone has been brought together to listen to each other.

We also try to teach children that you can 'fight back' without being aggressive, even if you have been hurt; we help children to see that standing up for yourself can be done in lots of different ways. We do understand how difficult that can be and, as a parent myself, I share the same concerns as all parents but talking to a trusted adult or friend is always the best option; children also need adults to remain as calm as possible if something has gone wrong – this helps them to begin to find good solutions for themselves. We look forward to seeing you on Friday afternoon. Best Wishes

Richard Stone
Headteacher

Parents' Evening

Thank-you to everyone that attended their parents' evening last night. If you were unable to attend please contact your child's teacher or we will contact you.

Thank-you also to parents who completed the questionnaire – we will share the results shortly. There are copies in reception for anyone that wants to share their view of the school.

Year 2 trip ... Both year 2 classes walked to St Margaret's Church this week to find out about churches. As ever, everyone has said what a credit our children are to the school and to their families. Thank-you Year 2!

