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Dear Parents & Carers,

Anti-Bullying Week 2023

On **Tuesday 14th November**, we will be taking part in **#OddSocksDay** to celebrate Anti-Bullying week. As part of our Relationships and Health Education curriculum, during this week pupils will be learning about the impact of bullying on our well-being. The national #OddSocksDay is typically celebrated on Monday 13th November, however, we have our Remembrance Service held in school on this day and will be commemorating this important day then. On Tuesday of this week, all you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week.



Parental Workshop

We would like to invite parents and carers in to school on Tuesday 14th November 3.30pm to participate in an Anti-Bullying parental workshop. The aim of the session is to broaden awareness of bullying /anti-bullying issues within schools. This is an interactive presentation and participants will have the opportunity to share experiences and ask questions. The presentation and session also involves videos which help to support the delivery of the key messages:

- What is bullying?
- To explore the difference between bullying and social / friendship issues;
- How parents can teach their child to deal effectively and safely with conflict;
- How parents can support their child if they are experiencing bullying;
- Where support can be accessed;
- Parents will be made aware of valuable resources.



There will be refreshments available, so please come along. 'Bullying' is a word which is frequently used, often incorrectly. This workshop will highlight key information and also provide helpful hints and tips to support parents and carers to resolve conflict.

If you wish to attend the session, please register your interest here: <https://forms.office.com/e/WhNrky30v>

Nourish Food School Parental Workshops

We still have a few spaces available on our Nourish Food School workshops.

- **Thursday 9th November 1:15pm – 3:30pm**
- **Friday 10th November 11:00am – 12:30pm**



This is a fantastic opportunity to work with food experts and develop your culinary skills! Not to mention the perfect opportunity to work with your child in an informal setting, developing their knowledge and understanding around nutrition.

The workshops have been well attended in the past and we are lucky to have a few remaining places left on the above sessions. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, or you would like further information, please speak to Mrs Long.

To register interest for the above sessions, please follow the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/PBwfEKMX3>



EYFS Stay and Play Sessions

Please join us to play with your child:

- **Nursery - Tuesday 28th November 9am.**
- **Reception - Wednesday 29th November 9am.**



St. Stephen's Candlelight Fund – Remembrance Day Service

This year, to highlight the theme of 'Remembrance,' we are offering our school community the opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of a family member, friend, loved one, who is no longer with us. **The candle will be dedicated to the person, which will then be lit during the service. There will be a suggested donation of 50p per candle** and all monies raised will be donated to The Brain Tumour Research charity, a charity very close to all our hearts, here at St. Stephen's.

The lighting of candles is a traditional way of honouring and remembering our deceased loved ones. Through this act of remembrance, we can help teach our children the importance of remembering those who are no longer with us and in lighting a candle for a deceased loved one, this makes the service more personal. A donation made in memory of a loved one is a wonderful way to celebrate their life and ensure faith, hope and love live on.

If you wish to light a candle in memory of a loved one, then please return the attached slip alongside suggested donation of 50p, no later than no later than **Monday 6th November**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

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Name(s) of Remembered Person:

<p style="text-align: center;">Dates for the Diary (as always, dates are subject to change!):</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 7th November and Wednesday 8th November 2pm-5.20pm – Parent Consultations</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 7th November and Wednesday 8th November 3.15pm-4.30pm – Uniform Pop-up Stall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 9th/Friday 10th November – Nourish Food Workshops</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 6th November – return slip for Candlelight Fund</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday 10th November – Shoebox Appeal Deadline</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 13th November – Remembrance Day Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 14th November – Odd Socks Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 14th November 3.30pm – Ant-Bullying Parent Workshop</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 28th November 9am – Nursery Stay and Play Session</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 29th November 9am – Reception Play and Stay Session</p>
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