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Dear Parents/Carers,

On **Monday 15th November**, Shirley Junior school will be taking part in a week-long focus on Anti-Bullying in partnership with Anti-Bullying Alliance.

**THE ONE KIND WORD
CALL TO ACTION**

Ask if someone's OK. Say you're sorry.
Just say hey.

In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying.

Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. So from the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity. It starts with one kind word. It starts today.

**ONE
KIND
WORD**

This year the focus is 'One Kind Word:
Let kindness fuel kindness'.

As a part of the week, each class will create a class pledge to kindness, celebrate and share the things that make them unique and develop strategies for tackling negative situations in a positive way. Ultimately, we aim to let the kindness ripple out and multiply through the school. We will share our work (and spread the kindness to you!) through an online 'padlet' at the end of the week.

*"When they go low, we go high."
Michelle Obama*

Our week will begin with **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday 15th**. Children can come into school wearing odd socks to celebrate their uniqueness. A £1 donation - or any donation you think appropriate - can be brought in to support the Anti-Bullying Alliance to continue coordinating Anti-Bullying Week.

We define bullying, in accordance with National and the Anti-bullying Alliance as:

National:

"Behaviour by an individual or group, usually repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally"

Anti-bullying Alliance:

"The intentional, repetitive or persistent hurting of one person by another, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power".

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Our PSHE curriculum supports children throughout the school in recognising what a positive relationship with friends is, it focuses on being safe (incl E Safety/cyber bullying) and tackles bullying in all of its forms. Anti-bullying week compliments the work we do throughout our curriculum and is an opportunity to reinforce our values. As a school, we aim to provide a safe, secure environment where all can learn without anxiety. We believe that everyone has the right to be valued, cared for and feel safe within our school community.

For further information, please see the attached advice for parents from the Anti-Bullying Alliance and visit the Anti-Bullying site <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/> which has many resources to signpost you to.

Thank you,

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