

NEWCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

11th November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Today marks the very first day of our Anti-bullying Week where the children of Newchurch will be looking at ways to raise awareness of the effects of bullying and hate crimes for a number of different reasons. The theme of this year is 'Change Starts with Us'.

Newchurch is never a school to do things by halves and we have lots of thought provoking lessons which will really help the children understand the power they have to make the world a better place by showing their awareness of the school's zero tolerance towards bullying and hate crime as well as promoting the Fundamental British Values: democracy; the rule of law; individual liberty; mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

All the classes will be taking part in a range of art, drama, sporting and enterprise activities which will reaffirm that bullying is not tolerated at Newchurch. We aim to give the children the best possible learning experiences in order to equip them for the future – Preparing them to Fly.

In KS1, the children will look at name calling and physical bullying. In Year 3, the children will look at celebrating diversity through disabilities, whilst Year 4 will look at tolerance of different cultures, looking particularly at racism. Years Five and Six, will look at all forms of bullying but part of their week will be looking at the use of derogatory homophobic language used by people in society and the impact this has in relation to the national figures on Hate Crime.

As always, such learning experiences will be tackled sensitively and in an age appropriate manner. In order to reassure you regarding the content of the lessons, we have uploaded our planning for Anti-bullying week on the school website <http://newchurch-primary.eschools.co.uk/website> under the curriculum tab. This page also details the resources used to write the planning.

As well as the bespoke curriculum for the week, we have a number of events that we would like you to also get involved in. One of these is a community art project which will be displayed in the outdoor classroom. Afterschool on Friday, we would like any available parents to be involved in the piece of work. You don't have to be great at art! All that we ask is that you decorate a hand template with words and ways of combating bullying and hate crime in society. We will do the rest.

We would like to see how far our anti-bullying message can travel nationally, and even internationally. This is something that we did a few years ago and our message travelled as far as New Zealand.

Today, your child has brought home a blank envelope with a letter which can be addressed to a person of your choice. Please help them to think about a person they know who lives the furthest away from the family address. All that we ask is that you write the address and post it to them. Alternatively, we have emailed the letter to you and you could email it to someone. We will be mapping out the locations on a visual map in school entrance for the children to see how far our message travels. Could yours be the one that goes the farthest?

Should you wish to discuss this further then please make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher or Mr Duckett.

Many thanks in anticipation of your valued and continued support.

Kindest regards,



Jayne Narraway
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