



Wednesday 27 March 2019

To Parents/Carers of All Pupils

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **World Autism Awareness Week: 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> April**

World Autism Awareness week is fast approaching and we wanted to update you on our plans to mark this special occasion.

Each individual class have been making their own preparations, with teachers tailoring activities to suit their pupils. We recognise that some pupils want to share and explore what autism is, whilst others find discussing autism challenging, therefore we are mindful of this when planning and sensitive to the needs and developmental stage of all our pupils.

Some of the fantastic activities planned for next week includes: writing poems, circle time activities, looking at the meaning of Autism and researching this further on the internet and then discuss our findings, reviewing case studies of some successful people with ASD, running talk based activities about pupil's own experiences with ASD and how that affects them moving forward into college, and focusing on famous people with ASD through lots of practical activities and media.

The National Autistic Society also have some wonderful resources available to schools. As part of that, some of our Primary Pupils will be meeting the Trummies – six colourful characters who help celebrate difference.

In addition to this, we are busy co-ordinating with a very special speaker on autism, trying to agree a date around our busy summer schedule of exams, residentials and other activities, so that he can come into the school to deliver an insightful talk to parents and some of our older pupils, as well as deliver a training session to staff after school.

We are very close to agreeing a date and so as soon as we are in a position to give you more details about this we will write to you all again.

We are looking forward to an insightful week.

Yours sincerely

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