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Dear Parents & Carers,

24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Autism Acceptance Week

Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC - also known as Autism Spectrum Disorder ASD) is estimated to affect around 700,000 people in the UK. The aim of Autism Acceptance Week is to help more people understand what autism is, as well as the ways it can affect life for autistic people. Autism Acceptance Week is also a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness and acceptance of autism both in and outside our school.

On Tuesday 28th March, I will be leading a Collective Worship about what autism is and about accepting and understanding others with the condition.

On Wednesday 29th March, as part of our Well-being Wednesday, we will be holding a Colour Challenge Day where everyone is invited to wear different coloured socks or tights for a voluntary donation towards the National Autistic Society. Further discussions about ASC will also take place in class throughout the day.

After school there will also be a cake sale to raise money for the society and their work towards raising awareness and supporting children and families with ASC. We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes to sell (home-made always sell best, but all donations are welcome). Please could we ask that all cakes are entirely nut-free in keeping with our school policy, as we have several members of the school community with serious nut allergies. As the cakes will not have been prepared on the premises, we ask that parents and carers of children with allergies exercise caution.

If you would like to donate a cake, please take it into the beach hut in the school playground (on the infant woodchip area) before school on Wednesday morning.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs K Newsome









