

5th November 2018

Anti-Bullying Week, Monday 12th – Friday 16th November 2018

Odd Socks Day : Monday 12th November 2018.

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, we are raising awareness of Anti-bullying at Tanfield School and as part of our Anti-Bullying programme, Anti-Bullying Week is happening from Monday 12th – Friday 16th November 2018. This year the theme for this event will be 'Choose Respect'.

This event is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at leading children's charity the National Children's Bureau. The aim of the campaign is to support schools to help young people, school staff, parents and other professionals who work with children to understand:

- The definition of respect.
- That bullying is a behaviour choice.
- That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other.
- That we all need to choose to respect each other, both face to face and online

To highlight that we are all different but all equal we will be taking part in the "*Odd Socks Day*." The Odd Socks Day is an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate individuality, but most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school under their normal uniform. If your child usually wears tights to school, then they can wear odd socks over their tights or participate by wearing colourful, patterned tights for the day.

Odd Socks Day will be held on **Monday 12th November 2018**. Thank you for your support with this important event.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Jones

Deputy Headteacher.