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Dear Parents/Carers,

Tuesday 12th NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week!

Next week is Anti-bullying week. To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on **Tuesday 12th November**. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. It is supported by CBeebies presenter & ABA patron Andy Day and his band 'Andy and the Odd Socks'.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.

WHAT ARE WE DOING AT ST MARY'S

We will begin Anti-Bullying Week with an assembly led by the school council. Each class will take part in different activities and lessons throughout the week to discuss and share ideas about Anti-Bullying. The theme for Anti-Bullying Week this year is 'Choose Respect.'

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

You can find more information from the Anti-Bullying Alliance Anti-Bullying Alliance

THE SHARP SYSTEM

If your child is worried or scared about being bullied or knows that someone else is being bullied, we want them feel confident that they can 'reach out'. They can use the school's SHARP system to confidentially report any concerns or worries that they have. They can access the SHARP system using the following link:

<https://www.stmarysstoke.co.uk/page/?title=The+SHARP+System&pid=40>

Yours Sincerely
Mr Spencer

