



Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week will be a busy but exciting one at St Mary's, as we take part in two very important national events: **Anti-Bullying Week** and **BBC Children in Need**.

Anti-Bullying Week (10th - 14th November)

This year's theme is "*Power for Good*", which encourages everyone to use their influence positively and stand up against bullying. We will begin the week with our annual **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday 10th November**, celebrating individuality and what makes each of us unique. Throughout the week, children will also take part in lessons and activities designed to promote kindness, respect, and understanding.

BBC Children in Need- Friday 14th November

We are delighted to announce that St Mary's will once again be supporting **BBC Children in Need**. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to have fun while raising money to help children and young people across the UK who need our support.

The **School Council** have decided that children are invited to come to school in **pyjamas** on the day, in return for a **suggested donation of £1**, which will go directly to BBC Children in Need. This donation can be made on Parent Pay or cash.

In addition, we will be running some fun fundraising activities:

- **Guess the Sweets in the Jar** - School Councillors will be stationed outside the Pavilion during break and lunchtime. Children can have a go for **20p per guess**, with the closest guess winning the jar of sweets! School Council will collect money when children make their guess.
- **Yellow/Spotty Photo Competition** - Children can take a creative photo of themselves with the *yellowest* or *spottiest* thing they can find. Printed photos can be brought into school or sent in to the school office. It is **£1** to enter. This can be given to your child's class teacher.

Please note that all money for the two competitions should be made **in cash**.

We look forward to a week filled with fun, creativity, and compassion as we work together to make a difference. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Keen