



providing support
for children with
down syndrome
and their families

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Friday 20th March 2020

Down Syndrome Awareness Week – Odd Socks Day!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school will be supporting the PSDS (Providing Support for children with Down Syndrome and their families) charity during 'Down Syndrome Awareness Week' which starts on 16th – 22nd March 2020. PSDS is a registered charity whose principal goal is to provide support for children with Down syndrome and their families.

In recognition of Down Syndrome Awareness Week, we are inviting pupils to wear mis-matched (odd) socks to school on **Friday 20th March** in return for making a small voluntary donation of £1. The wearing of mis-matched socks symbolises that we are all unique individuals - different from each other in many ways and it is absolutely ok to be a little bit different! It's an opportunity to celebrate our differences and all the things that make each and every one of us a unique individual.



The philosophy of PSDS is that children with Down Syndrome are all different to each other, in the same way that every single child is unique. Children with Down Syndrome just happen to have an extra chromosome and their diagnosis is just one part of who they each are.

You should be involved in all decisions that are made about your lives.

Year 1 pupils have volunteered to make and sell cakes for this wonderful cause. On the day, volunteers and teachers will be found on the playground (under the KS1 canopy) selling the treats for a contribution of your choice. Please go along and show your support by filling yourself with delectable delights.

To educate our children further on Down Syndrome our very own Lucienne Davies will be coming in to talk to Year 6 and answer any questions they have. During the assemblies that week, the children will learn more about the work of the charity and will also have a go at learning some basic sign language.

There will also be a Parent Information Coffee afternoon hosted by Lucienne on **Wednesday 18th March** from **2pm to 3pm** in the Studio Hall. This will give you the opportunity to find out more about what this charity does as well as meet Lucienne. Please do come along if you can (younger children are welcome), cake is provided!



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If you would like to find out more about PSDS and the incredible work they do to help children with Down syndrome and their families, please visit www.psd.info.

Thank you again for your on-going support,

Catherine Davies
(School Charity Coordinator)