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Monday, November 13th

Dear Parents and Carers,

Catholic Inspection

As you know, we received a Catholic Inspection on Thursday and Friday last week. The report is currently being written and I will share it with you as soon as we receive it. What I can say is, our pupils were exemplary and a credit to each and every one of you.

Anti Bullying Week - Make a Noise About Bullying (Monday 13th - Friday 17th November)

This week is anti-bullying week across the UK and in St Monica's. We want to underline the key message from the Anti-Bullying Alliance - "Make Some Noise". Children will be learning about this theme in lessons and in my assembly this week.

Anti-Bullying Alliance patron, CBBC and CBeebies star Andy Day is leading celebrity support for this campaign, with his band Andy and the Odd Socks. The band have recorded and released a toe-tapping song to mark Odd Socks Day [Watch it here.](#)

There's a serious message behind the fun: let's pull on odd socks to show we're ALL unique and different, and let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality. To celebrate our diversity, all pupils and staff are **encouraged to wear odd socks this Thursday.** Click the link below to see the theme in more detail:

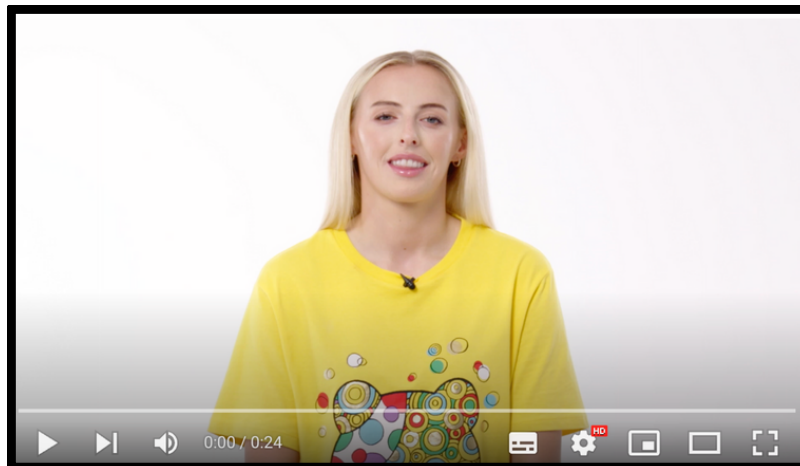


Children in Need - Friday 17th

It's also Pudsey's big day this Friday. This year, Children in Need are calling on schools across the UK to celebrate the power of positive relationships, and the impact of these relationships in helping to support children throughout the school years. To celebrate this great cause, on Friday the children can come to school wearing a brightly coloured t-shirt underneath their school jumper, cardigan or hoodie.

We will set up relay races and other fun activities in the hall so pupils can learn about the power of positive relationships in class and have some fun, too. Donations of £1 are accepted if you are in a position to do so.

The big challenge is to see if each year group can complete the Burpee Challenge - including the staff! I will update you all on Friday night for those year groups who were able to complete this. We may allow some year groups to complete star jumps rather than 'bearpees'. Click the link below for more information.



Yours sincerely

Mr J. Gouldbourne
Headteacher