



HALLING

Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On **Monday 15th November**, the school's Peer Mentor Team are encouraging all children and staff to **wear odd socks to school** (no donation) to celebrate the diversity of all our children at Halling and to help raise awareness around this year's Anti-Bullying Week theme: One Kind Word.



The link below includes the virtual assembly we will be sharing with the children should you wish to share it again afterwards with your child(ren) at home.

[Odd Socks Day School Pack \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is just one of the reasons that **'One Kind Word'** has been chosen as the this year's national theme of Anti-Bullying Week.

To spread the message and raise awareness at Halling, we are looking for **donations of odd socks before the 15th November**, which we will use to peg to the railings around our school. Therefore, if you have any brightly coloured odd socks, please do send them our way so we can start to grow our collection!

FAQ's:

My child wears tights what should I do? If your child wears tights, it is fine for them to wear the odd socks over their tights!

Is there a donation required? No, we are not asking for a donation we just encourage you to spread and share the message of 'one kind word' with your child(ren). For example, why don't you encourage them to say something especially kind to another on that day and get them to share with you at home time how that made them and the other person feel?

Compassion • Integrity • Thankfulness • Respect • Resilience

What and who are Peer Mentors?

We are very excited to share with you that some of our Year 6 and 5 pupils are currently being trained as Peer Mentors (aka 'buddies') by our Pastoral Lead, Miss Stoner. Peer mentoring has been evidenced as having a positive impact on the emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people and our Peer Mentors are very excited about their roles.



We look forward to seeing all the quirky sock combinations on Monday the 15th November and we will be tweeting these throughout the day!

Why not follow us on Twitter: [@HallingSch](https://twitter.com/HallingSch) and follow the hashtag [#HallingOddSocks](https://twitter.com/hashtag/HallingOddSocks)

Thank you for your support!

Miss Debbie Stoner & Ms Lisa Taylor
Pastoral Lead **Deputy Headteacher**

