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Dear Parents and Carers

Children in Need Day – Friday 16th November 2018

This Friday the children and adults at Bedgrove Infant School will be raising money for Children in Need, with a Muffin Day (£1 donation) and we will also be discussing the important work of this charity.

We would also like the children from F2 to Year 2 to bring a potato to school on that day; these are going to become their 'Potato Baby'. Children be given the opportunity to decorate these in class to create their own, unique 'baby'.

Throughout the day the children will be looking after their 'Potato Baby', and during the day we will discuss responsibility, compassion and our aspiration that all children, everywhere, should achieve their full potential as part of our discussions around why and how we support charities.

To support us with this, please could you send your child into school with a potato this Friday (big or small).

The children will give their potatoes a name, as the children have discussed and understand the importance of everyone having a name. (UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 7). The children will discuss with their teachers their role in looking after their potato for the day, that these are our friends and we need to treat them with respect, kindness and show them around our school. We have discussed with the children that at the end of the day we will see how many children and adults have still got their potato and have managed to look after them responsibly all day.

We have reassured the children that if they misplace, lose or drop their potatoes that they should not be unduly concerned or upset as we know that they tried their best to look after them. As part of our fundraising day for Children in Need we wanted to explore and discuss with the children at their level why it is important to raise money for children less fortunate than themselves and enable them to understand and discuss how we need to look after everyone in our community.

This is an activity that is used throughout educational settings with children of different ages and various needs to develop children's social and emotional understanding, as well as the ability to empathise with each other in different social and emotional situations.

We are looking forward to seeing the children care for their 'Potato Babies' and, as always, would like to thank you for support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Julie Lawrence'.

Julie Lawrence
Headteacher

