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Dear Parents / Carers,

**Collective Worship for Remembrance Day**

We finish this week with a solemn and poignant assembly, beautifully led by our Year 6 children who have been studying World War 2 over recent weeks. (Please see our FaceBook feed for pictures. <https://www.facebook.com/OurLa...>).

**We learn the Taizé chant:**

The Lord is my light,

My light and salvation.

In him I trust,

In him I trust.

We remember our beloved colleague Mrs Riley, who died 3 years ago today.

We remember all our departed loved ones.

**And so we pray...**

Eternal rest give unto them O Lord,

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace,

Amen.

**Looking ahead...**

Next week is national **Anti-Bullying week**. This year, the catch phrase is "**Choose respect**". This is a good time to reiterate the main messages around this subject with your children and to encourage them to speak up if there is anything that looks, sounds or feels like bullying to them.

We know that when we explore an emotionally loaded word like 'bullying', the children will use this word more freely to describe any unkind behaviours, so it is important to keep revisiting the main elements that separate unkind behaviour and arguments, from bullying.

The simplest way to distinguish between the two with young children is to note that bullying is:

1. **Targeted** - some degree of choice is made about who will be bullied and it is done with the intention to cause distress.

and

2. **Dominating** - there is some form of power imbalance - either through the number of children involved, or some other factor: e.g. age, size, physical or emotional dominance.

and

3. **Repeated** - this would normally be a number of occurrences over a short space of time.

Our core belief is that all children are inherently good - created '...in the image and likeness of God'. When things go wrong, we encourage the children to bring issues to an adult. They do this more easily knowing that the full support of the community will be focused on helping to reconnect every child involved with the very best version of themselves.

The message we ask you to reiterate with your children is twofold:

We do not tolerate bullying, bullying is never okay.

We work together to help children learn how to behave respectfully.

**And on a lighter note, to finish...**

Tuesday's mile run was a tremendous success. The fastest children returned to school in around 7 minutes and all of the children were commended for their sterling efforts, they clearly pushed themselves to keep running rather than stopping to walk for sections of the course.

Well done one and all!

Warm weekend wishes to you all,

OLOP Team