

25th October 2024

## Choose respect...

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Solent Schools will be supporting National Anti-Bullying 2024 Week from 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The theme is 'Choose Respect'.

The Infant School will be using the book, 'Giraffe's Can't Dance' as a way to promote a positive message about how it is OK to be different. Discussions will arise from this book about positive and negative behaviours towards others and how that makes people feel. We will explore what to do if others behave unkindly towards you and we will define the word 'respect'. Each class will create a jigsaw piece by the end of the week, explaining how they can play their part and 'Choose Respect' – which will interlink with the other classes throughout the Infants on our whole school display.

The Junior School will be introducing the topic using the 'Choose Respect' video. Each year group will then focus their learning on a poem. This will encourage discussions around treating others with respect and kindness, which will link to our PSHE week that we had at the beginning of October, as well as what to do if you feel you are not being treated this way. This poem will be used during the school's Guided Reading lessons and further explored in the PSHE lesson for the week.

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024, everyone in both the Infant and Junior School is invited to come to school wearing odd socks for the day. This will highlight the importance of tolerance and acceptance, and to celebrate the wonderful differences which make us all so unique and special.

Yours sincerely

Miss Cawthorne and Mrs Tobin

**PSHE** leads





