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Dear Parents/Carers,

World Autism Acceptance Week 2024 – 2nd – 8th April

At least 1 in every 100 school children in the UK are autistic and without the right support, the world can be a very confusing and difficult place to be. While children with Autism can face many challenges such as communication difficulties, repetitive behaviours, difficulties with change and sensory differences, they also possess many strengths and are capable of developing their uniqueness to live full lives and achieve incredible things alongside their peers.

World Autism Acceptance Week 2024 will take place during the Easter holiday but, as a school, we want to make sure that we acknowledge this very important week. On **Monday 15th April**, we would like the children to come into school **wearing as many different colours as they can**. The National Autistic Society's campaign this year is all about representing the autistic spectrum through colour.

We recognise that times are hard for many people at the moment and that there are a number of very deserving causes needing all of our help but if you would like to donate to the National Autistic Society in support of the incredible work they do to support individuals, families and organisations you can do so online at <https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/donate>. Alternatively, class teachers will be collecting donations in their classrooms on Monday 15th April. **Children do not need to donate or bring in any money to come in their colourful clothes.**

Yours faithfully,

Mrs P Chester

Assistant Head Teacher – Inclusion and Pastoral

