



11 March 2016

Dear parents/carers

Our school is pleased to be taking part in the National Autistic Society's (NAS) Schools Autism Awareness Week: 14-18 March 2016; the first ever week dedicated to activities aimed at improving understanding of autism in schools.

We have secured a number of teaching and promotional resources to raise awareness which can be viewed on the NAS website at <http://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/world-autism-awareness-week/schools-autism-awareness-week.aspx>.

A whole school assembly on Monday 14 March will introduce the week through an explanation of how people with Autism experience the world differently, examples of notable VIPs, and an exploration of the key challenges associated with the condition; sensory, communication and social difficulties. These themes will be built on during the week through lessons planned by teachers based on the NAS resources.

I hope you will agree that greater understanding of individual differences and celebration of diversity is a central part of our role as educators. However, if you have any concerns or queries over what will be covered during the week please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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