

# Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

"Together we are better."

Headteacher Update

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a very important week across the Federation as all our children have learnt how to keep themselves safe through identifying what bullying is and how we can manage this, if it occurs. The theme of this year has been 'One Kind Word' and as explained by the Anti-bullying Alliance, *"Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us."*



Kindness and having compassion towards others, is a driver for our school curriculum and we recognise that a little kindness in our community can go a long way. As well as learning about bullying, children have also had the chance to share their individuality through our 'Odd Socks' Monday. Every class included a whole array of weird and wonderful sock combinations, which helped us to understand the importance of celebrating our differences. Our busy week ended today with our Children in Need 'Superhero Day'- from nurses to teachers, Spiderman to Super Leo, Knaphill Federation of Schools had it all. We very much appreciate all of the support with importance causes this week – our community is certainly showing compassion for all.

Best wishes,

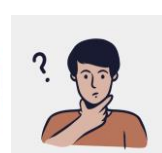
Mrs Tolley and Miss Harbridge

## Knaphill Curriculum

We have carefully planned our curriculum to ensure that we teach children subject specific skills and knowledge progressively. Our curriculum is Topic based with key knowledge identified on knowledge organisers. The children have a key question to answer using their topic and at the end of each topic, the children use what they have learnt to answer the key question in a range of ways- through writing, drama and debate.

### Curriculum Intent

At the heart of our curriculum are planned opportunities to develop courage to step outside of their comfort zones, curiosity about learning, the confidence to be themselves and to develop compassion for those around them and the wider world.



## Weekly Focus:

We believe that it is important that children are in the correct uniform as it helps to support a sense of pride of being a member of the Federation Community, it reinforces our high expectations and it sets the tone for learning.

Please see the attached reminder of our uniform expectations, these will be updated on the school website next week.