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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Friendship Week

We are joining in the national 'Anti-Bullying Week' but as a school we prefer to call it our 'Friendship Week'. Our assemblies for next week will be around Anti-Bullying and our Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)/ JIGSAW lessons will also be addressing the theme.

DfES guidance defines bullying as:

*Actions that are meant to be hurtful, and which happen on a **regular basis**.*

Bullying can be direct (either physical, verbal, face to face or cyber) or indirect (for example, being ignored or not spoken to).

Bullying differs from other forms of misbehaviour in that:

- *it involves dominance of one child by another, or by a group of others*
- *it is pre-meditated*
- *it forms a pattern of behaviour rather than an isolated incident*

Our school has an 'Anti-Bullying' Policy - it is a government requirement; copies are available from the school office if you would like one or are available on our website; it is reviewed annually.

Pupils are encouraged to tell anybody they trust if they feel they might be being bullied, and if the bullying continues, they must keep on letting people know.

Pupils at Brimington Manor who are experiencing any inappropriate behaviour are taught the following sequence of action:

- say quite clearly that they do not like this behaviour
- ask the perpetrators to stop e.g. 'STOP that I don't like it, don't do it again'
- if it happens again tell them to stop and state that they are going to tell a grown up
- seek help from a member of school staff
- seek help from other children and/or
- seek help from anyone else

We feel that this sequence of actions allows for the fact that children between the ages of 3 and 7 are at different stages of learning, not only in academic skills but also in social

skills. Not all children 'know' when they come to school how other children will respond to their actions and some forms of 'bullying' at this age may be awkward attempts to gain attention and friendship.

However, we make it very clear to our children that all bullying is unacceptable in our school and all staff are alert to any sign of it, and that sanctions always ensue.

Please talk to your child when appropriate about our sequence of actions; we will be reiterating them in school during this week.

Year 2 & Nursery - APPLICATIONS for Junior / Reception places

Accompanying this letter is a leaflet explaining how to apply for places in Y3 and Reception - September 2017. No places are automatic for Nursery children, you have to apply for a place for your child in our Reception class in September 2017. Y2 parents must choose a Y3 Junior school place there is no automatic place; you can choose any school to apply for however we have excellent transition arrangements with Brimington Junior School and we are seen as the infant feeder school.

School Photographs

You should have received your child's school photograph proof. Please return orders and money by next Friday - 25th November 2016. Thank you.

PFA meeting

A PFA meeting has been arranged for next Friday - 25th November at 2pm in the Chapel Hall. It would be lovely to see some new faces at this meeting. We have a small group of parents currently on the committee and they would welcome 'new' faces especially from Nursery & Reception. Please come along it would be good to see you.

Craft / Baking Money

A big thank you to those parents that have sent the £3.00 contributions towards Christmas Craft/ Baking for this term - it really is appreciated. If you haven't contributed - it's not too late! Contributions are always welcome and support extra activities in school that all the children take part in. Thank you.

If you have any worries or concerns about anything please do not hesitate to see your child's class teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kathryn Fretwell Headteacher

BRIMINGTON MANOR INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL
COOKING/SPECIAL CRAFT ACTIVITIES - AUTUMN 2

Child's Name: _____ Class _____

Find enclosed £3.00 contribution for cooking and special craft activities during Autumn 2.

Signed _____ Date _____

