



Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to inform you that from Monday 10th June to Friday 14th June 2024, Barrow Hedges will be observing Autism Celebration Week. This is an important occasion where we recognise and celebrate the contributions of individuals with autism within our school community.

The decision to observe Autism Celebration Week at this time stems from our desire to give dedicated attention to this cause during a period with fewer competing events and distractions. We believe that focusing on inclusion and understanding of autism is crucial for fostering a supportive and harmonious environment for all our students.

During this week, each class will engage in a PSHE lesson centred on inclusion, with a specific focus on incorporating young autistic individuals into our school community. Additionally, there will be a special assembly dedicated to discussing autism and how we can best support our children both within and outside of the school setting.

It is important to note that our commitment to inclusion extends beyond Autism Celebration Week. We strive to embody our core value of inclusion throughout the entire academic year. Recently, we have created a display aimed at celebrating and educating our young learners about autism, emphasising the importance of kindness and inclusivity.

For more information on autism and how you can support individuals with autism or those displaying related traits at home, please refer to the attached PDF document. It is worth mentioning that strategies designed to support specific individuals often have positive impacts on everyone.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in making Barrow Hedges a welcoming and inclusive school environment for all our students.



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Should you have any inquiries or require further information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, who will forward on your messages to myself or Mrs Rondeau (our Inclusion Leader).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Woolford', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr. Duncan Woolford  
Year 5 Teacher, RE Leader, Autism and ADHD Champion