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Dear Parents,

I am writing to invite you to come along to an information event where we will be sharing with you a new curriculum resource we will be sharing with your children. The resource is called No Outsiders and it dovetails into our PHSE curriculum, supporting our children to learn through the medium of picture books, about diversity, inclusion and how everyone is different and everyone is welcome in our school.

Part of the National Curriculum dictates that we prepare our children for life in modern Britain, following our school values, learning about Modern British Values and how we can be an inclusive society together. No Outsiders supports this learning in a planned way to help our children to understand that everyone is different and everyone is welcome.

As a school we believe it is important for everyone to belong. We want to prepare our children for the wider world and how to interact with others. We are aware that living on our beautiful island can mean our children have less diverse experiences and this programme aims to widen their perspectives in an age appropriate way.

No Outsiders uses picture books to explore the idea of everyone is different and that we can all get along with each other. Characters in the books may have differences but still play together. Difference is ok.

As children move into KS2 the books explore the reasons why some people feel left out. We aim to support children to recognise discrimination, challenge prejudice and show acceptance to others.

The information sessions will be as follows. We have tried to make the times as accessible for as many people as possible. There will be a short presentation to attendees, and the books will be available for you to browse, along with staff around to answer any questions you may have. You only need to attend one session for the year groups as they are repeated at both sessions. The difference between the year group sessions is only the books and resources shared. If you have children in multiple year groups you are welcome to come and see the resources at each of the relevant sessions.

Thursday 29th February at 9am and 5.30pm Years R,1 and 2

Thursday 7th March at 9am and 5.30pm Years 3 and 4

Thursday 14th March at 9am and 5.30pm Years 5 and 6

So we have an idea of numbers for chairs/allocation of rooms etc, please can you indicate which session you would like to attend. The form to complete is part of the email.

Attached to this email is also a parent information booklet to give you some more information regarding the No Outsiders scheme of work. Our Staff across the school have received training on the programme and are excited to share the books and resources with you.

We look forward to welcoming you to the information events,

Kind regards

Binstead Primary School