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Dear Parents/carers



This year World Autism Acceptance Week is from 28 March to 3 April with World Acceptance Day being on Sunday 2nd April. Here at Whitstable Junior School we will be celebrating this day on **Friday 1st April**.

This is an important week in the school calendar when people come together to talk and think about differences.

We will be looking at

- what the week is called (World Autism Acceptance Week)
- what autism is (autistic people respond to or see the world differently)
- what acceptance is (welcoming difference)

In previous years this week was called World Autism Awareness Week but because so many people now know about autism, it's time to start understanding and accepting it. So at WJS, we will be celebrating neurodiversity and the unique talents of those with autism while aiming to improve awareness and acceptance for autistic people in the community.

On Friday 1st April your child is invited to wear whatever they like to school to show that we are all unique and different but we all belong. We are also asking for donations for the National Autistic Society to help them continue their wonderful work around the awareness and acceptance of autism. There will be a collection bucket on the gate for any spare change you may have.

Best wishes,

Kirsten Collin

Assistant Headteacher/SENCo