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Dear Parents/Carers,

Peaceworks Junior Peer Mediation Training

As part of the ethos of our school, which promotes caring for each other and learning together we encourage children to understand better how to handle conflict. We have been working with the Peaceworks Junior Peer Mediation Programme to develop a whole school approach on this subject. Using lessons that are fun, our children are taught that conflict is a part of life, but with good friendships and a few simple learned skills conflicts can be managed and minimised.

We encourage the children to listen to each other's stories and work with their friends and teachers to pro-actively deal with any quarrels or upsets. The Peaceworks lessons encourage a team approach to problem-solving and also encourage respect, kindness and friendship. Video clips are used taken from familiar classic films in order to encourage the children to talk about problems that relationships sometimes have and how these problems can be overcome.

Some of the children in Year 6 are volunteering to be "Peer Mediators" which is a very important job as they help children in the playground to play happily together, and help the children talk through any minor quarrels and problems. Obviously if the children feel unable to do this or there are problems then the members of staff are still the first port of call. The mediators will wear special clothing so they can be spotted if children need help.

The Year 6 children, who are going to be Peer Mediators are very excited and are looking forward to this important job. On the 23rd November at 10am, there will be an assembly to launch the scheme. We are also offering an opportunity for parents to come and talk to myself or Mrs Sneller, about how Peaceworks will happen in our school, on the 23rd November at 3.15pm. All parents and carers are welcome to come along and find out more.

In order for us to get an idea how many parents may attend we would be grateful if you could return the reply slip.

Yours sincerely

Laura Sandon-Webb
Leader of KS2

Peer Mediation Meeting on the 23rd November 2016

*I will/will not be attending (Name)
Parent of..... the Peer Mediation Training on the 23rd
November at 3.15pm.

Signed.....Date.....

*Please delete as appropriate