

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning with Love, Strength and Faith, following the example of Jesus

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Dear St Mary's Families,

Amazing Me! Assemblies

On Wednesday 14th July, Lisa Phillips from the Communication, Learning and Autism Support Service (CLASS) will be coming into school to deliver **Amazing Me!** presentations. The aim of these presentations is to promote an understanding of autism and to celebrate all pupils' strengths and differences.

These are age-appropriate sessions which aim to convey the following positive and inclusive messages:

- ✓ We are all unique and that is good.
- ✓ We all have strengths and interests and find different things easier or harder.
- ✓ Autism is a difference in the way your brain works; it is ok to be autistic.
- ✓ Autism is a spectrum condition which means everyone with autism is different.
- ✓ We should try to be understanding of everyone. #Bekind

Here are links for some of the videos used in the presentations:

Year 1/2 and 3/4 presentation: 'Meet the Trummies' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gSVdpAflxnQ>

Year 3/4 (first half only, 'How we are all different') and Year 5/6 presentation (whole clip): 'Amazing Things Happen' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbwRrVw-CRo>

The children will be given 'postcards' to take away with the 5 rules of being a 'good friend' to a peer with autism:

1. Give people time to think and answer questions.
2. Support people who find change difficult.
3. Understand that people get worried about new places and faces.
4. Be aware that too much noise, strong smells, bright lights can be overwhelming.
5. If someone's having a bad time, be kind!

During the assembly your child may raise some questions, which the presenters will answer and they may also ask you questions at home. If you require any support with this, please let us know.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Hill

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