



Dear Parents/Carers,

Monday 1st – Friday 5th October is national Dyslexia Awareness Week. Throughout the week, children will be taught about dyslexia and the positives of dyslexia; that it is a **learning difference** and is not a measure of intellect.

There are many activities planned through the week which will teach children about the different types of learning styles and how they learn best.

We would also like to try to raise some money for the British Dyslexia Association. The BDA are a charity who support people with dyslexia, along with supporting schools and businesses to be dyslexia friendly.

Parents and Carers will be invited in to school on Wednesday 3rd October at 2pm to participate in a dyslexia workshop. Here, Mrs Westwood and Mrs Dickinson will share an overview of dyslexia and how we support children with dyslexic tendencies. Please register your interest by contacting Mrs Dickinson on send@gorsehillprimary.co.uk.

On Thursday 4th October, the whole school will be 'going green' for dyslexia. Children are welcome to come in their own clothes and wear anything green, for a suggested £1 donation.

Finally, we would like to invite yourselves and the children to get competitive! From now until Friday 5th October, we will be holding an 'Extreme Reading' competition. Extreme reading is just that; reading a book in an 'extreme' way! Please interpret this any way you wish – but always put safety first! Make sure you have an extra person handy to take a photograph of the extreme read. Once you are happy with your photograph, send it in to school along with your 50p entry fee and the name and class of your child/children. You can send in printed photographs, or you can e-mail them to the Special Educational Needs e-mail address; send@gorsehillprimary.co.uk all paid entries will be shown to the children and the winner will be announced on Friday 5th October, receiving a £10 WHSmiths voucher!

We are very excited to share an understanding of dyslexia throughout school, to continue to support our 'Dyslexia Friendly School' ethos, along with raising money for the BDA and most importantly - having fun!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Dickinson

Special Educational Needs Coordinator