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Dear Parent/Carer 24th January 2024

Re: Autism Awareness

We are currently working with Investing In Children to arrange for a series of sessions about Autism in order to raise awareness and improve people's understanding.

So far we have arranged:

- An assembly for children in Amethyst, Sapphire & Ruby Learning Zones on 15th February 2024
- A half day workshop for children in Emerald on Tuesday 13th February 2024
- Professional development and training in Neuro-diverse teaching strategies for staff

We are planning to arrange:

- A half day workshop for children in Diamond (this was cancelled due to illness and we are awaiting a new date)
- A briefing session/assembly for parents & carers (to be agreed by Investing In Children)

Autism falls into the category of SEND (Special Educational Need & Disability) called Communication and Interaction. At the current time 79% of children on the SEND Register in our school are in this category.

I will share more information about the above events when dates are confirmed.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Cross

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