

We See Jesus In Everything We Do



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Down Syndrome Awareness week takes place on 20th-26th March 2023 and incorporates World Down Syndrome Day on **Tuesday 21st March**. To find out more, click here: <https://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/our-work/campaigning/world-down-syndrome-day/>

We will be celebrating World Down Syndrome Day in school on Tuesday 21st March and encourage the children to come to school wearing special socks with their school uniform. Socks can be brightly coloured, mis-matched socks, long socks, short socks, sport socks, in fact any kind of socks, the more diverse the better!

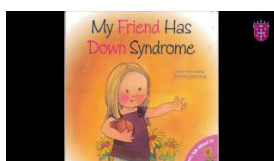
The Down's Syndrome Association run a #LotsOfSocks campaign which not only raises vital funds but also awareness of Down's syndrome. This year we would love to see as many people as possible stepping forward and wearing their colourful socks!



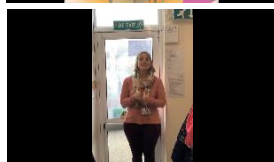
This event is a celebratory event, and no charge is required. However, if you would like to donate, please click here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/StEds-WDSD-1676416250572>

Here's a few things you can enjoy at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLi86JfCEyMdLbmK2Y8pxA9cU8k-JvIW9q>



Mr Keohane reads you the story 'My Friend Has Down Syndrome' by Jennifer Moore-Mallinos.



Ms Sheffield teaches you the Makaton signs for 'World Down Syndrome Day'.



In keeping with the theme of socks, Miss Marianné teaches a step-by-step dance tutorial to Footloose by Kenny Loggins.



Mrs Woodcock brings you a special edition of ArtWithMrsW and teaches a step-by-step tutorial to create your very own sock puppet.



We have also invited Down Syndrome Specialist, Hazel England, to join us for a Coffee Morning. This will take place 9-9:30am on Tuesday 21st March in the school hall. She will share some information about Down Syndrome and give some ideas on how you can support children with Down Syndrome. We hope you are able to join us!

<https://www.facebook.com/SENadvisor/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/hazel-england-71a82066>

<https://www.instagram.com/heservices>

We hope you and your children enjoy celebrating this special day with us.

Mr Keohane

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