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JOIN US IN CELEBRATING DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK 19th -25th March

AND WEAR 'LOTS OF SOCKS'

Down Syndrome Awareness week takes place on 19th-25th March 2018 and incorporates World Down Syndrome Day on Wednesday 21st March. We would love it if your school would take part in this year's celebration to raise awareness of Down syndrome and raise vital funds for your local charity Downright Special.

As a school who has received lots of free support from us, we would really appreciate it if you would join us, other organisations, schools and nurseries in this area and many other people worldwide in this fun and easy way to raise money and get everyone talking about what it means to have Down syndrome, help raise awareness of what Down syndrome is, and how people with Down syndrome play a vital role in our lives and communities.

We ask that everyone comes to school on Wednesday 21st March or (any day during awareness week or any other time to suit!) wearing lots of brightly coloured, patterned or odd socks and makes a voluntary donation of £1. You could even wear three socks to represent the fact that people with Down syndrome have three copies of chromosome 21!

'Lots of Socks' is a worldwide campaign organised by Down Syndrome International for World Down Syndrome Day (<https://worlddownsyndromeday.org/>). The enclosed information explains how to take part.

The money raised will help us to continue our work supporting children with Down syndrome across Hull and East Yorkshire and in particular will help us to continue our essential work providing specialist advice, resources and training to schools and nurseries on the inclusion of children with Down syndrome.

Many thanks for your support and please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like further information.

Kind regards

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What to do next

1. **Let us know that you are taking part** by emailing office@downrightspecial.co.uk . Please feel free to ask if you need any other information to help you with the day. We can provide leaflets about Down syndrome, information about Downright Special, collection tins etc. if you would find that useful.
2. **Ask everyone in your school to wear their brightest, patterned or odd socks** on Wednesday 21st March (or any suitable day during Awareness Week) in exchange for a suggested donation of £1. We have enclosed a leaflet that you can edit and send out asking people to take part.
3. **Send us your photos** - we'd love to see any photos of the day. Email office@downrightspecial.co.uk or post them on social media. You'll find us on [facebook.com/DownrightSpecialNetwork](https://www.facebook.com/DownrightSpecialNetwork) or on Twitter [@Downright21](https://twitter.com/Downright21). Please use the hashtags #WDS18 and #lotsofsocks
4. **Any donations would be very gratefully received** in any of the following ways:
 - Send a cheque made out to 'The Downright Special Network' to:

Louise Smith
Downright Special
Bodmin Road Church Office
Padstow Close
Hull HU7 4HE
 - By BACS:

Sort Code: 40 52 40, Account Number 00024883, Account Name: The Downright Special Network.
Please put your organisation's name in the Reference box.
 - Ring us on 01482 420160 and arrange for someone to collect your donation
5. **We will then send you a 'Certificate of Appreciation'** that you can display so that we can say a 'Downright Special' thank you to everyone involved and acknowledge receipt of your donation.

Thank you so much for your support and we hope you enjoy wearing 'Lots of Socks' and celebrating World Down Syndrome Day on 21st March!