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## Rakegate Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

### Autism Awareness week



Autism Awareness week is **29<sup>th</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> April** and April 2<sup>nd</sup> is World Autism Awareness Day. We are going to celebrate this day by becoming aware of the characteristics of people with this condition and how all of us can do better to increase our own understanding and promote kindness. During the week, we will complete a variety of activities and (as the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April is Good Friday) on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April** we ask children to wear **bright coloured clothes** to school in celebration.

Autism is a lifelong developmental disability which affects how people communicate and interact with the world. One in 100 people are on the autism spectrum and there are around 700,000 autistic adults and children in the UK. You can find more information at: <https://www.autism.org.uk/>

We have quite a high percentage of Autistic children at Rakegate and pride ourselves in supporting and catering for many learning differences. People with autism spectrum disorders can help to make a change in the world! All they need to be successful is treatment and support from their environment this is why we want all of our children to be aware of the way in which different children learn. Bill Gates and Albert Einstein are good examples!

We hope you will join us in dressing in bright colours on the last day of term (1<sup>st</sup> April) and hope that the children will enjoy our assemblies and activities.

Thank you as always for your support,

Mrs N. Kinsey  
Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

