

Alzheimer's Society and Dementia Friends

You will be aware from our November and December newsletters, that this year our School Council have chosen the Alzheimer's Society as their Christmas charity, with money being raised through our Christmas Tree cups as well as collections at each of our services over the festive period.



At Riverside, we view it as vital that our pupils engage in charitable work but also the background of the charities they support, of course at the same time developing empathy, understanding and wider 'citizenship skills.'

Miss Elmy has already hosted one whole school assembly on the theme of dementia and our chosen charity.

We want to extend this further and encourage our school and pupils towards becoming 'Dementia Friends.' With this in mind, all classes will watch a short cartoon video about Dementia during the last two weeks of term as well as discuss the themes involved. Each year group will then have a short sequence of follow up lessons early in the new year.

If you would like to watch the video we will be sharing in class so that you are familiar with the content covered and style of delivery, you can access it [HERE](#). The video has been specially designed for young children.

If you think that the content of the video or follow up discussions may cause your child any upset due to any family background, then please do let your class teacher know or contact the School Office so that we can make appropriate arrangements. Teachers are already aware of how sensitive some of our pupils are to issues of health, care and charity and we will of course handle all discussions with the very best of care.

Kind regards,

Ian Yapp
Headteacher