



Parent Forum Meeting

15th November at 2.30pm in the school library.

The Anti-Bullying ambassadors (ABAs) greeted the parents who came and explained it was Anti-bullying Week and that the school children were involved in many activities regarding friendship and anti-bullying.

The ABAs asked the parents to sort some picture cards into 'good friend' and 'not a good friend' boxes. They did very well and were helped along by the ABAs saying that it was good to look at the facial expressions of the children and what was written to help them make their decisions.

The parents were then asked questions about what they thought 'bullying' was, what they needed to do if they thought their child was being bullied and also the ABAs explained that in a recent survey, 97% of children said they felt safe at the school, the parents were asked why they thought this was the case.

The parents wrote their responses on some pieces of sugar paper.

The ABA's agreed with their answers

- Bullying was purposely hurting someone else through their words, actions, that it is repetitive –it is not the same as something happening just once and that it can affect people in lots of different ways.
- People felt safe at our school because they know there is always someone to talk to and they are listened to, there are the anti-bullying ambassadors, there is the friendship bench, everyone is valued and respected, there is a small, friendly, family feel, teachers are approachable and caring, there are behaviour charts, friends are always by your side and parents, children and teachers work together
- If they thought their child was being bullied, they would talk to the class teacher, headteacher or the school. The ABAs explained that if someone was worried about speaking up they, as ABAs, would speak up on their behalf. Mrs Bilner explained that there was the Anti-bullying policy which is available on the website.

The parents were asked if they had any questions and everyone was thanked for coming.