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Dear Parents,

Our Buddies

At Stockbridge Primary we all have a buddy. Every year Mrs Jefferies will choose a Key Stage 2 pupil to pair up with a younger pupil so they can look out for that pupil and keep them safe. But they HAVE to be in the same family or we wouldn't know them at all and the younger buddy could be very shy.

We always try and keep our buddies safe for example we have to walk with our buddies to Church, we hold hands with our buddy and make sure the older pupil is on the road side. Then cross roads sensibly and thank the staff for stopping all the traffic so we can get across. Every time we are about to enter the Church we always try and calm our buddies down so we can walk into the Church in silence. Before we sit down we help our buddies take their coat off and their high viz jacket.

We also have to look out for our buddy on the playground and make sure they are making friends and not being bullied. We also go and help them if they have a problem or are on the friendship bench and look like they are lonely. We would say something to them like "would you like to join in our game?" If they say no thanks we will try and lift their spirits a bit instead of leaving our buddy all lonely.

At lunch time we always have to cut up their food if they need help with it and we also have to wait for our buddies to finish their food until we can go, but when they learn how to put the rest of their hot dinner away or put their packed lunch away we can go without waiting for them. Rarely we have to help them put their hand up.

We thought you would like to know what we get up to and what your child might be talking about if they talk about their buddy.

Yours sincerely,

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