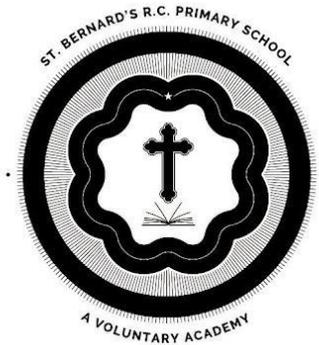


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Dear Parent/carer,

This is to let you know that T5 is taking part in a project which centres on reading the book 'The Heartstone Odyssey' which deals with the issues of racism, xenophobia and intolerance. You may hear about this project through your child. This is part of a nationwide initiative in which schools across the UK are using the book to raise discussion on these issues which have become a high priority and we are delighted to be the first set of schools to take part in this initiative in the authority.

The story is a 'Harry Potter' type story based on the heroine, Chandra, and the mice who become her friends. As well as being an adventure in its own right, it also deals with every aspect of hate crime and provides a route through which children age 8-12 can understand what this means, how it manifests itself in everyday life and what to do about it if they come across it.

The organisation running the project, Heartstone (website: www.heartstonechandra.com) have over 20 years experience in this field and have won national and international recognition for the approach used with children in this age group.

We hope we will have your support as we embark on this project and if you feel you have anything you would like to contribute to the discussion we will be generating with the children, approximately once a week as we read the story, please do get in touch with us.

The project has secured the involvement of several famous names, including Sir Derek Jacobi who has become Heartstone's Patron, Dame Judi Dench and Joanna Lumley. It has been Arts Council funded and may even be taking shape on the big screen. We will be progressing to a finale exhibition event for the project in the summer term and look forward to keeping you informed of any exciting developments.

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