



Urmston
Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hopefully next week marks the beginning of the end. Although there will no doubt be some nerves about our full return on Monday, we're sure there is a great deal of excitement too - we know there is from us, hopefully from your children...and most definitely from you we'd imagine! If you haven't done so already, please take a look at our letter from earlier in the week, along with our risk assessment, and make sure you are clear on times and expectations for next week. We will just remind you that for those of you who have siblings with different start and finish times, remember that the later starters can come in 10 minutes before the official start (8.45am) and, if really needed, we'll keep hold of your earlier finishers for 10 minutes or so (3.25pm). We very much hope that it won't be too long before we can revert to normal times...it certainly causes some logistical challenges having different times!

Thanks again, have a most lovely weekend and we can't wait to see everyone on Monday!

From all at UPS

Commemorative Art!

As we welcome back all of our children, we want to give them the opportunity to reflect and talk about the last year...what's been happening - from the virus, to the moves made on equality, to Captain Tom, to the huge scientific advancements made with the vaccine, to how our children and families have needed to be hugely kind and resilient in supporting each other and their communities throughout this. To mark these thoughts and feelings we will be doing a piece of commemorative and collaborative art work where all of the children will be contributing to some colourful butterflies, signifying having been cocooned for so long and now (hopefully!) being able to spread their wings and really show how wonderful they are. Next week, we'll be sending home a small part of a wing for you to decorate as a family, drawing pictures and writing words that commemorate how you've supported each other through such a significant moment in our history - we hope that you can spend some creative time together and drop them back in to school to form part of the finished piece. There will be opportunities for photos (like the one bottom right) and we are looking at how this might link in with Red Nose Day on Friday 19th March, perhaps getting some framed pictures? More info is to follow so please do keep an eye out and get involved!

C-19 Home Lateral Testing for families with Primary-aged children

Some of you have contacted us about how Lateral Flow Testing for families works. We've been awaiting guidance on this and point you to a letter sent this afternoon from Trafford (and us). Any questions, just ask!

Belonging

We sent a letter to you earlier in the week about our forum on 'Belonging' on March 16th at 6pm. We can't emphasise how important it is to us to listen to your thoughts on how you as a family feel about belonging to our school community and the community in general. We hope to become a truly 'Anti-Racist' school and this will form a key part of our focus, but our emphasis it is not only on including and engaging our BAME community - we'd love people to attend from all perspectives of diversity...from race, to religion, to gender, to sexuality, to disability, to the huge variety of mental, social and emotional differences. Please join us on our journey and help us to become as inclusive as we can be and to help us all to try to educate ourselves and raise awareness of these issues. We hope to see you there! Here's the link:

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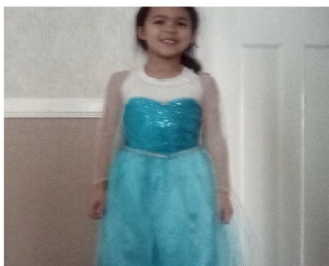
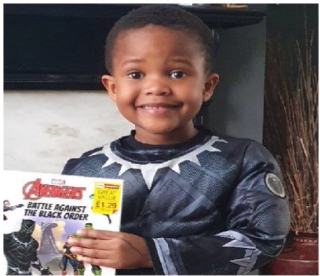
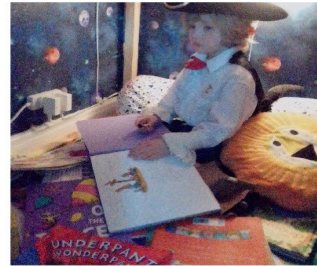
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WORLD BOOK DAY!

Thank you to all adults and children who took part in the vast array of activities on offer for World Book Day yesterday, including the online lessons as well. We certainly didn't let lockdown get in the way of fun and our love for all things to do with reading and books. A huge well done too to Mrs Hall for organising such a super event under 'unusual' circumstances! Great stuff people!



International Women's Day 2021...

...is on Monday. Of course, this is our first day back at school and whilst we think it is imperative that we mark this, there will be a lot going on! So, we will be celebrating International Women's Day as classes at some point during next week. On Friday, although our children will be wearing their school uniform, purple will be added to our school colours, so we invite all of our children to wear something purple to 'Celebrate women's achievement. Raise awareness against bias. Take action for equality.' This isn't an own clothes day (we've had enough of those recently!) but your children might wear a jumper/hoodie, purple trousers/tracksuit bottoms, dress/skirt, socks, or just anything purple. It isn't mandatory so please don't feel the need to go and purchase anything.

Any way we can raise awareness of equality is worthwhile. Thanks for your support.

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