



Weekly newsletter 06.11.20

# Urmston Primary School

*Dear Parents and Carers...*

*As we move in to a new half term and this long winter, we thank you again for your support, your patience, and your understanding, as well as your respect, responsibility and resilience. It is comforting to know that we face the current challenges together and we look forward to moving past all this...whenever that may be. Best wishes and have a lovely weekend!...*

## REMEMBRANCE

We hope you have a restful and peaceful remembrance weekend. Next week we will be talking to the children about the significance of this time and will be observing a virtual 2 minute silence at 11am on Wednesday 11th. We will be sending a zoom link to you to see if you can join us so do keep an eye out for that.

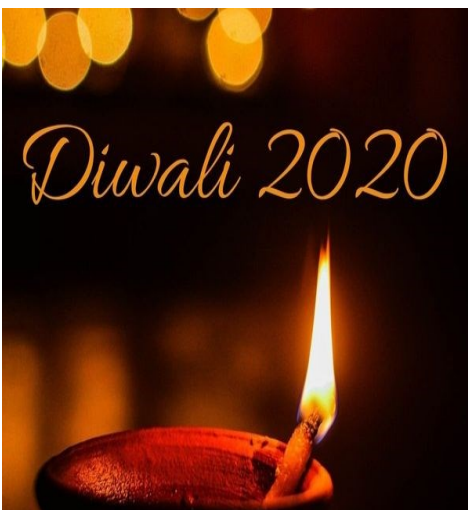


## DIWALI

*You'll have received a letter from Ms Ahle and Mrs Tuckey this week about Diwali. This is such an important time for our Hindu, Sikh and Jain friends nationally and globally and we are looking forward to marking the 'Festival of lights' occasion. Next Friday your children can come dressed in the brightest of colours and we'll be doing a number of activities to get us in the mood to celebrate that triumph of light over dark!*

**SUPPORTING OUR HOMELESS**  
*We've been speaking to Mr Stockwell and he's brought up the concerns that he currently has about the homeless. He said that he has noticed a number of people living on the streets in Urmston recently and this is obviously concerning. Whether this is a sign of the times or not is irrelevant really; our children will see this and wonder why this might happen in our relatively wealthy society. Mr Stockwell has asked what we can do about this and we'll be contacting a homeless charity to see how we might help, involving and educating the children in some way if or when appropriate. Responsibility and respect are core values of our school and so watch this space for what we might do next. Thanks for highlighting such an important issue  
Mr Stockwell.*

**CHILDREN IN NEED...a Bhangra danceathon!**  
*We thought we'd link Diwali and CIN this year so we'll be dancing (socially distant in our bubbles of course!) all day to raise money for such a wonderful cause. Please give whatever you can...there will be buckets at the gates before and after school.  
Thank you in advance!*



### FOOD BANK DONATIONS

*As we've mentioned over the past few weeks, we will continue to be a drop off point for non-perishable goods. We'll stay in regular contact with Stretford food bank to collect. These times in our community remain difficult for many so we appreciate your support in any small way.  
Thank you.*

### Nursery Information Evening

*Thanks to all of our Nursery parents and carers who attended the meeting on Wednesday. We hope you found it useful. As mentioned, should you wish to flick through the numerous(!) slides, you can find them on our website at <https://urmstonprimary.com/parents/resources-for-parents>*

### PARENTS EVENING

*We've had one or two little issues with our new booking system for next week's parents evening but we think we've cracked it (more or less!). Your children's class teachers are very much looking forward to chatting to you over the phone on Tuesday and Thursday. Please let us know if you are having any difficulties with booking a slot.*

### CLASS BLOGS

*This newsletter is more for your information about whole school matters, keeping you up to date with our thoughts and maintaining communication with you at a time which is more important than ever to do so. If you'd like to see what our wonderful children have been up to, please go to our class blogs at [urmstonprimary.com/children](http://urmstonprimary.com/children)*

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

*There is some vagueness in the most recent guidance relating to after school clubs. We have decided to keep our current clubs open as they do provide parents with further childcare, whilst also allowing our children to take part in extra-curricular activities. This is in line with the guidance and we ensure that these clubs are held with 'bubble integrity kept in tact!*

*BEING MORE...our school values are more important than ever at the moment so keep those examples of your children BEING MORE at home coming in. We did our usual assembly this week to celebrate our children's achievements and demonstrating our school values but for a number of reasons this has only been made available for our children!*

### C-19 UPDATE

*As you will be aware, we had our first positive case at school this week. We are greatly appreciative for the understanding that our parents of that year group have shown. We've had one or two questions about the tracing procedures that we undergo when deciding who counts as a contact and this does depend on a number of factors. What we can assure you is that should we have any other positive cases, which unfortunately is quite likely, we will work closely with Trafford's track and trace team and get public health advice, just as we did on this occasion. In the meantime, we will continue to follow our own safety measures and we'll continually update our risk assessment, (particularly after the updated DfE guidance that we sent to you all this week) which can be found on our website at <https://urmstonprimary.com/information/covid-19-procedures>.*

*We also sent you a letter today about the rules of the national lockdown and the importance of adhering to these measures in tackling the high infection rates that we are experiencing in the north west.*

*If you have any questions relating to current health and safety measures, please do come and talk to us so we can make clear the rationale for what we are doing to lessen the chance of transmission within our school community. Thanks all.*

