

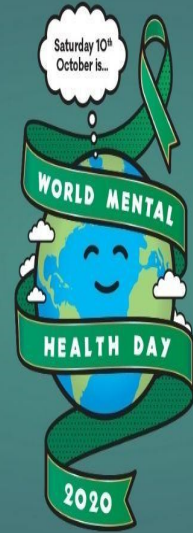


Weekly newsletter 09.10.20

Urmston Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers...

Tomorrow is World Mental Health Day. Let's please try to get some time over the weekend to find a little peace and to gather a bit of gratitude for the things that we have. Look after yourselves and have a lovely weekend from all the staff and governors at UPS...



BHM TALK HOMEWORK

This week's talk homework is intended to answer the following questions...

- 1) 'Do you think that everybody has a fair and equal chance in life?'
- 2) 'Can you think of some examples of when things haven't been fair on groups of people?'
- 3) 'How strong do we have to be to stand up for what is right, even if it may be difficult?'

(It was difficult for Rosa Parks, wasn't it? But she knew it was the right thing to do!)

'WELCOME' VIDEOS

It is a little sad that we haven't been able to welcome you all in to school as we would usually have done in the Autumn term of a 'normal' school year. Nonetheless...we have tried and so if you take a look at your child's class blog at <https://urmstonprimary.com/children>, if it's not there already, there will be a little hello video that pops up very soon which will at least give you an idea of the classroom environment and a little about what the children are up to!

HARVEST

Unfortunately, we cannot do our usual Harvest assembly and collection, but we will be collecting nonetheless. The foodbanks, as always need our support and at the moment this is more important than ever...and may even be more so in the coming months. Keep an eye out for where collection points for non-perishable items will be across the school. Reverend Smith will be putting a virtual assembly together for us all nonetheless! Thank you in advance.

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. Also, here's our link to part of our BEE AWARD ASSEMBLY for this week... <https://youtu.be/WwSjaqZ6Tpk>

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WORLD TEACHER DAY

It was WTD on Monday and we'd like to use this little spot to show appreciation for the work that our teachers and TAs are doing at the moment in balancing our school priorities of our children's wellbeing and living by our school values, with their crucial academic development. More so than ever, it is a demanding task, but they are achieving with flying colours at the moment. Thank you to everyone.

C-19 UPDATE

To date, we are still Covid-free at UPS. Everyone involved in the school, from governors, to staff, to children, to you parents and carers, are doing their bit to keep everyone safe and happy. It can't be sugar-coated that infection rates are rising across the North West and Trafford is not exempt from that by any means. Can we ask that you continue to...

...maintain social distancing when dropping off and picking up your children and please rest-assured that should the situation change, we will keep you posted as soon as possible. Thank you for your support and patience.
PTO...

**Zoom Reception Coffee Morning
and Curriculum and Phonics
meeting**

Reception parents and carers...you should have had an email letter earlier today inviting you to a 'coffee morning'. We'll be there to answer any questions, and Mrs Gilbert, Mrs Saint and Mrs McNutt will be popping in virtually too! There is also a link there to our Phonics and Curriculum evening where our Reception staff will talk you through the world of phonemes and graphemes, early reading, and what the Early Years curriculum looks like. We really hope to see you on Zoom for both of these 'events'! The links are on the letter you received.

WATER BOTTLES...please can they be fliptop/mouthpiece style if possible...it can get messy and disruptive otherwise. Thank you.

Book Donations

A huge thank you to Jenny, Cath and Erica for the wonderful book donations below. Maintaining a positive reading culture is essential at school and we greatly appreciate your thought, time and effort. Thank you.

Individual Photos

Individual pupil photos will be going ahead this year, on the 21st October. Unfortunately due to logistical difficulties in maintaining social distancing, we cannot offer sibling photos. We apologise for this but in maintaining 'bubble integrity', this would be very tricky. Thanks for understanding.



OWN CLOTHES...

Just a little fore-warning that the children will be able to wear own clothes/fancy dress/Halloween (but not too scary!) for the last day of this first half term of the year. Please bring in a pound for our school fund, as usual.