



Urmston
Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

So...there we have it. Another term ticked off (just about!). It is frustrating that a 'bubble burst' this week and we had to send some of our children home due to our second positive case of C-19. Thank you again to those parents for acting so swiftly to come and collect your children. The fact that it is just the second time this has happened speaks volumes for how safe, responsible and respectful our school community has been (or we've all just been lucky...guess we'll never know!) and we thank you so much for your vigilance and consideration. Please turn over for an important reminder.

Understandably, there has been much concern around our children missing so much time at school. As we said from the start, our main focus upon their return has been on their mental health and wellbeing, as it is quite clear that if they didn't feel safe and happy, their young minds would be in no position to learn. We've taken this approach and have been thrilled with how brilliantly the children have responded. There will always be gaps in understanding that need to be filled and as expected, some children have been affected more than others. But we are hugely encouraged by our children's attitudes to their learning and the progress they have made in such a short period of time. We would usually be sending some information home on your children's attainment at the beginning of the summer term. We won't be doing this, this year as on Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th April we'll be having our parents evening (which will most likely be phone calls), where we'll give you all the information you need, including the areas where both we and your children think they need to particularly focus on, and we'll provide you with the opportunity to ask any questions about how your children are doing academically, socially and emotionally. Again, as we've said before, you can always ping us an email or give us a call if you have any questions or concerns before then.

It has been a strange term and one where behind the scenes, we've been doing a lot of work on our curriculum. We've been developing units of work that link our children's learning with themes of leadership, conflict, equality and diversity (linking in with the 'belonging' forum we held this term), the arts, and, of course, our school values are threaded throughout too. We can't wait to share it with you at some point in the summer term and are already trialling some of the topics.

After what has been an incredibly challenging term, the children have spent some time just having fun today, with Easter egg hunts, bonnet parades and all sorts.

We are very much hoping that things are looking up. However, at the same time it is so important that we all acknowledge the challenges that many people in the community still face, both related to the pandemic, and not. To them we offer huge respect and admiration for their resilience and positivity.

Thank you to all of you, to our brilliantly caring and dedicated staff and governors, and to our inspiring children.

Have a well-earned and restful Easter break.

Best wishes, Mr P and Mr D.





WOW Matilda...

So as it's the end of the month the Samaritans step challenge has been complete. Altogether Matilda and her mum managed to do over the 310,000 steps with a total of 553,000 steps completed, and lots of money raised for a brilliant charity. Well done to both of you for such kindness and commitment. Great stuff!

Brilliant Joe!

Our super fundraiser, Joe, finished his 10k a day in March challenge last night. In total he rode a massively impressive 214 miles/344k (so more than the challenge!), and mostly on his bike on the turbo trainer in his room (13 hours on that saddle!). What's more, he did it without complaint, and without reminder,, which shows the kind of perseverance, commitment and independence that we all strive for!

He's raised just short of £600 for Friends of the Earth and we are all really, really proud of him. Great stuff Joe!

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/joescyclingtosavetheworld?fbclid=IwAR0-MNkf_pW5yj1WXzuQyvshBDxv-TrChfgpn_3jSIYq_O7y2KcUc2f63VQ



SO MUCH BETTER WITH AGE

C-19: Remaining Vigilant

Please be reminded of the importance of communicating with us about whether your children have symptoms of Covid-19—the familiar continuous cough, high temperature, or loss of taste or smell. All close contacts have to isolate if they have been in contact within 48 hours of the onset of a positive case's symptoms. Therefore, **if your child tests positive for C-19 over the Easter break, with their symptoms having begun between now and Saturday, please let Mr Parker and Mr Doherty know via email on s.parker@urmstonprimaryschool.com and m.doherty@urmstonprimaryschool.com, as we'll the unenviable but necessary job of contacting all close contacts.**

Many thanks again.