



10.12.21

**Urmston**  
Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Just have a lovely weekend...

*Mr Parker, Mr Doherty and all of us here  
at UPS*

### **PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE**

We attended a local public health meeting yesterday. We were not told a great deal other than there were, as yet, no signs of the new omicron variant in the area. We have updated our risk assessments and advised you last week to please ensure you wear face coverings and take extra care as a precautionary measure whilst those 'in the know' look into what the new variant is all about. What we can say is that contacts of the omicron variant will be told to isolate for ten days, whereas with the current variant, there is no expectation to. We will keep you up to date on information as soon as we know more.

### **NATIVITIES AND ST CLEMENTS**

We've been communicating with you this week about having to cancel our St Clements visit and about increasing the safety measures by only allowing one adult to each child for our infant nativities. We are genuinely so regretful about both of these actions. We held our first EYFS nativity this morning and whilst we were not all packed in like we have been in previous years, allowing further numbers would not have been appropriate in trying to limit the spread, as we would not have been able to support any social distancing whatsoever. The main thing is that our children have the opportunity to experience performing in front of an audience and seeing one of their close grown-ups there who are tremendously proud of them. We greatly appreciate your understanding in implementing these measures.

### **'SEND' PARENT FORUM**

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the inaugural meeting yesterday. It was a fantastic opportunity to share thoughts and feelings and will be a great springboard from here. We are already trying to arrange some workshops and continue with everything here in school too. Please go to <https://urmstonprimary.com/information/send> for the presentation slides and minutes.

We've set up survey and would really appreciate your responses and comments. Here is the link:

<https://s.surveyplanet.com/eqifrc9s>

### **EARLY HELP**

Attached to this email, is some of the Early Help support that the local authority can offer. If you feel you might need some support for yourself, your children or your family, please don't hesitate to come and ask us for a chat. We feel a great responsibility as a community hub to provide support where it is needed as we are all too aware of the dwindling services that are out there. The offer is there should you need to take us up on it!

### **TRADITIONAL STORIES**

A massive thank you to the parents who came in to tell a traditional Hungarian and Spanish story to our infants. If there are any others among you who would like to share a celebration from their home country (for example at Chinese New Year, Ramadan, Eid, Hanukkah, etc.), we'd love to hear from you. Thanks to all...and thanks Mrs Strickland for organising!



## BEING MORE

It is so important that our children are immersed in the notion of being actively positive and doing that bit more to make the world better for themselves and others. Our 'Being More' Curriculum is based on this premise and we'll be using our school values to embed this idea in school. We'd really love you to get more involved with this so please email us at [s.parker@urmstonprimarieschool.com](mailto:s.parker@urmstonprimarieschool.com) and [m.doherty@urmstonprimarieschool.com](mailto:m.doherty@urmstonprimarieschool.com) so that we can celebrate, as a school, the fantastic things that our children are doing for others in the community and be inspired to 'be more' ourselves.

A big well done to Verity this week, who grew her hair then cut it all off for the benefit of the Little Princess Trust. A lovely gesture of kindness and responsibility in looking out for others. Great 'being more' Verity.

## PTA

Despite it being a tremendously challenging time for raising funds, a big shout out has to go to our PTA, who are still doing their very best to raise funds for our school. The raffle has been drawn and winners info will be with you soon. We'd just like to share the PTA's Just Giving page...you know...just in case!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fo-urmstonprimary>

Thanks everyone!

## ART FOCUS

One of our areas of school improvement (along with the countless others!) is our art provision for our children. The curriculum that we have developed incorporates many artists and here are just some examples of what the children have been doing...with Y6 linking Henry Moore's wax drawings with the WW2 blitz, Y5 looking at Picasso self portraits, and Y4 looking at the charcoal styles of Casey Baugh. Great work guys!...

