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**Urmston**  
Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,  
That draws Spring 1 to a close!  
Thank you, as always, for your support and, as I always do, I'll remind you that if there is anything that you need to talk to us about, please just drop by.  
Have a lovely weekend and half term 'break'!  
Best wishes,  
*Simon Parker (he/him).*

**UPS environment, roads, pavements, and safety**  
I had a meeting with Sue Whitehead, from Trafford Amey, earlier in the week. We discussed the comments made by parents at last week's forum and some of the thoughts and opinion brought up in the survey that we sent out last week. As expected, you'll be receiving a link to a more formal survey very soon, discussing the possibility of some imminent changes to drop-off and pick-up times. I'll forward you the link when I receive it so please do respond regardless of your thoughts. Many thanks in advance.

**BEING MORE...Spencer and Ivy definitely are!**

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. We'd really love you to get more involved with this so please email me at [s.parker@urmstonprimaryschool.com](mailto:s.parker@urmstonprimaryschool.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. We've had some amazing children being more this week—showing fantastic kindness, respect and responsibility.

This week, I heard about how Spencer had 'been more' outside school and had shown wonderful respect, responsibility and kindness. Spencer has been asking about ways he can help people recently and last weekend he independently thought of a way to make a difference to someone in his community. Outside a local supermarket there is a homeless person who sits nearby. Spencer had



asked about the man, and why he might be there. Following the Golden Rule of 'treat other people how you would like to be treated', Spencer decided he wanted to help him. On his next trip to the supermarket, Spencer said hello to the man and asked him if there was anything he needed and bought him this from the shop. The man was very grateful for this and the kindness Spencer had shown him. A lady overheard and told Spencer how lovely what he had done was and how he was a good role model and representative of young people. What a fantastic role model to young people everywhere and an excellent example of how we can be more and make others' lives that bit better! Well done Spencer. Here he is with his kindness and responsible badges!



And then, I heard how Ivy decided that instead of presents for her birthday this year, she wanted to support the work of Chorlton based charity 'Reach Out to the Community' who help rough sleepers and those living in food poverty in Manchester. She was chuffed to raise almost £300. She's got her kindness and responsibility badges too. Well done Ivy...that's lovely to hear! BRILLIANT BEING MORE!

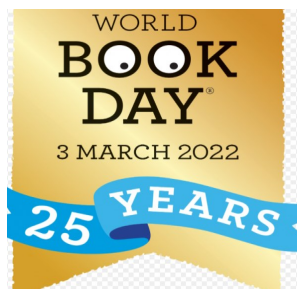
## WORLD BOOK DAY

As always, we're looking forward to World Book Day and we're also looking forward to welcoming you guys in. In that spirit, the

PTA will be putting on a breakfast at 8.15...but we'll need some help! If you are willing to offer as little as 20 minutes of your time, please let Catherine know on [catherineidavies@gmail.com](mailto:catherineidavies@gmail.com). Thanks so much in advance!

## INCLUSION

You may have noticed that my name comes with a he/him alongside it. Mrs Billingsley, in her recently appointed role as Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead, and I met today to discuss all things MH&W (with LGBTQ+ awareness being just one part) and agreed that although we count ourselves to be an inclusive school, there is so much more we can do. We agreed that at the moment, there is perhaps nothing more important than making sure everyone has a sense of belonging, and there will be so much more to come on this huge priority next half term and beyond...so WTS!



### All things SEND...

Thanks to those who attended the SENDIASS workshop with Trafford's Carole Thistlethwaite. Some very useful discussion ensued I am told. We have another workshop coming up soon...Cognitive Behavioural Therapist, Zoe Brook will be with us on 25th February at 12.05 to discuss anxiety. The link is below... <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89345601491?pwd=OUVoVldsNmtMMjBpZEkrU2E3ajVLQT09>

### Getting you involved...

As we stumble our way out of the pandemic, we are desperate to invite our families in to school. Our Y3 children shared their wonderful Egyptian work with their parents, carers and grandparents on Friday and it reminded us of how much we've missed having you all in. So much super learning goes on in school and the children would love the opportunity to show off to you. So...watch this space...

### A NOTE FROM MISS HORAN...NATIONAL FOOTBALL MUSEUM

It has been lovely to hear that so many children visited the World Museum since our inspirational visit from Dr Price! This week, Mrs Horan would like to recommend the National Football Museum in Manchester. We have lots of football fans at our school who I think would really enjoy learning more information about their favourite team and players. The museum is open 10am-5pm everyday.

### Anxiety and dysregulation

I had a lovely conversation at our wellbeing 'get-together' yesterday. We chatted about how hard it must be for our children to regulate their emotions when we are so often dysregulated ourselves, as parents and teachers. We'll be working a lot on this moving forward in school and delving further into how important a sense of belonging is for our mental health and wellbeing—both for our children and ourselves. Related to this, whilst we all agree it is important to talk, one of the most important elements to aid positive wellbeing is how we nurture our (and our children's) resilience. We've been doing our research here and have our own 'Resilience Framework' that we'll be sharing with you soon. It will hopefully give us all some guidance on how we can open discussion on what resilience is and what we need to develop it! More on this to come...

### PROVISIONAL DATES FOR THE DIARY...

25th February, 12.05—Anxiety Workshop with Zoe Brook CBT  
3rd March—World Book Day...we will be dressing up!!!!  
WB 14th March: Neurodiversity Celebration Week  
WB 28th March: World Autism Awareness Week  
Friday 18th March: Red Nose Day  
Tuesday 22nd, Thursday 24th March: Parents Evening—info closer to the time.  
There's lots more going on in school that you'll find out about and we'll also be putting on a writing workshop soon. Watch this space!

### Ball Games before school

Please can we remind you to remind your children that there should be no ball games first thing in the morning. The equipment under the canopy in the infant playground is for outdoor play and play times and shouldn't be used before school hours.