



Weekly newsletter 13.11.20

# Urmston Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers...

*It's been a busy week, that's for sure. Have a lovely, calm and restful weekend...*

## DIWALI

*The children have had a super day celebrating Diwali today and have been keeping moving with their bhangra dancing. Do ask them to show you some moves a little later on!*

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UrmstonPrimary/  
status/1327207094320291841](https://twitter.com/UrmstonPrimary/status/1327207094320291841)



## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week, we will be recognising anti-bullying week. It will be a chance to show our responsibility in realising that if we aren't part of the solution to bullying, we are part of the problem. Looking into bullying in all its forms give us the chance to remember the importance of kindness, respect and responsibility in ensuring we help each other to be as safe and happy as we can be. Get those odd socks on, on Monday to celebrate our uniqueness and to put that message out there that we all deserve respect!

## WORLD KINDNESS DAY...

...is today. We hope that your day has been full of kindnesses (given and received) and that this continues into the weekend and beyond...we all need that at the moment, don't we!

## CHILDREN IN NEED...

*Thank you to everyone who donated to CIN this year. The children have been learning about why the charity and event is so important and why we are so grateful for the things that we have. Thank you.*

## BOOK FAIR

The book fair arrives at UPS this week. It is a little different this year. If you wish to buy a book next week, you must deposit money into Parent Pay, as per the email that you were sent. We will then have a timetable for each year group to visit for the children whose parents have sent in money. Only children with allocated money will visit as it will be unfair for other children who have no money to spend. We are operating a cashless book fair in line with Covid guidelines and children will not be able to visit with parents, unfortunately. We hope that by the next time we'll be up and running as usual as it is a really lovely event. Thanks for your understanding.



## PARENT PARTNERSHIP AND WELLBEING MEETING

*We will be holding our first parent partnership/wellbeing meeting of the year at 4pm on Wednesday 25th November. It'll be via Zoom (the link is below) and will give us the opportunity to discuss things such as pupil welfare and wellbeing, all things 'covid', homework, and then it'll be an open forum for any other questions you might have. We hope you'll join us.*

[https://zoom.us/j/98761820368?  
pwd=RGF4UzZnMzJZOTUyMElkd  
FVCdkJTUT09](https://zoom.us/j/98761820368?pwd=RGF4UzZnMzJZOTUyMElkdFVCdkJTUT09)

## TURN URMSTON ORANGE

We'll be sending out a letter on Monday about why next Friday we'll all be wearing orange. We hope that you will join us in commemorating an inspirational young man, who didn't go to our school but certainly showed our values, and that we can raise a bit of money for Bone Cancer Research whilst we do it. Thanks in advance everyone.

#bemoreJude

### 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.

### 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 [umrstonprimary.com/children](http://umrstonprimary.com/children)

### Year 1 Phonics meeting

Year 1 parents and carers will soon be receiving a letter inviting them to a Zoom phonics meeting on Thursday 26th November at 4.15pm. It will give everyone the chance to share how we are teaching phonics and how you can help your children at home. We really hope you can make such an important event!

### PARENTS EVENING

Thank you to everyone who 'attended'. All of our teachers said how much they enjoyed speaking to you all and it enabled them to all realise how well they know your children! If you have any further questions or would like more information then please let us know.

### REMEMBRANCE

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our two-minute silence on Wednesday, in memory of those who've lost their lives in wars and battles over the years. The children showed the huge levels of respect we've come to expect from them.

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. Please see the link below for this week's assembly...

<https://youtu.be/AqxTssyCEWo>

### THANKS FOR THE KEYBOARDS JACK!

A big thank you to Jack Donahue, Managing Director of Fairmont Recruitment, for his generous donation of keyboards to our school. The children will be inspired to compose and perform so much more now!



### THANK YOU NATHALIE!

Thank you Nathalie for your generous donations to our junior library! It's great to hear that we'll now be re-opening the library...in a socially distanced way, of course!



### C-19 UPDATE

As we move in to the second week of the national lockdown, we feel very fortunate to have had just one bubble sent home. We are very much looking forward to welcoming back our Year 5 children on Monday. We have spoken to some of you about concerns that you might have surrounding the high levels of infections, but we have been extremely pleased with our attendance levels and we hope that this reflects the continued confidence that you have in us to keep your children safe and happy.

Infection rates in Trafford, especially compared to the Greater Manchester boroughs, have largely been levelling off or declining and we hope that this will continue with the current measures in place. At the last time of looking, Trafford stood at 388 per 100,000. The R rate looks to be lower in the NW than the majority of the country. We'll keep you posted on any developments as we hear them.

### Christmas Card and Gift Orders

If you've not already looked at and ordered your child's art work there is still time! Lots of products are available, including Christmas cards & gifts. Go to [www.mychildsart.co.uk/order](http://www.mychildsart.co.uk/order) and use the username 'Urmston' and the easy to remember password 'G9Mk86dF'.