



**Urmston**  
Primary School

**15.10.21**

Dear Parents and Carers,

No doubt you'll have been made aware that Covid rates in Trafford are particularly high at present and we really appreciate your understanding in following the measures mentioned in last week's letter from the local public health team. There is a great deal going on in people's lives at the moment and being such a central part of the community, we get a real sense of how challenging things are for many of us. Can we just reiterate that if you are finding things a little hard at the moment and need some support, we are here. This may not be any more than an ear, but should you need a little more specialist guidance, we work with a number of Early Help agencies that we might be able to signpost you to. It's important to talk.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

*Mr Parker and Mr Doherty*

### Belonging Lunch

#### CHANGE OF TIME:

We intend continuing with our Belonging forum this year and will be meeting on Wednesday 20th October. Unfortunately, due to the huge increase in Covid cases in Trafford and within our own community currently, we don't feel it wise to continue with our meeting in person at school. However, we would still like to hold our meeting on Wednesday 20th October but it will be now be via Zoom. We will hold it at 12.15pm so that some of you may be able to join us for lunch!

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84990639542?pwd=TC8vVXYzRGNSa2FHkZbIjZVRXUT09>

### SUPER CONNIE

(and Olive!)



We wanted to say a big well done to Connie in Y1 Lowry. She is doing a sponsored 'wobble' with her little sister Olive. They are raising money for CP teens, a charity which supports children with cerebral palsy to make friends and socialise. Connie will be helping her sister in her wheelchair

and walker, to make sure she gets round the whole 5k. So far they have raised over £500 and we are so proud of Connie for her kindness and responsibility in looking out for others. If you're interested in helping them raise even more, the link is below. Well done and excellent 'being more'! [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Olive-Corkwood?utm\\_campaign=lc\\_frp\\_share\\_transaction\\_transactional--donation\\_received--nth\\_donation&utm\\_content=bbc2e819-db25-4488-bb07-59fc6818fb7e&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=postoffice&utm\\_term=1634281632128](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Olive-Corkwood?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_transactional--donation_received--nth_donation&utm_content=bbc2e819-db25-4488-bb07-59fc6818fb7e&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1634281632128)

### 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.

### WELL DONE HEIDI!

To the right, we have a photo of Heidi and her brother, Theo. Theo was doing some litter picking duties with Cubs and Heidi decided that it was such a positive thing to do that she insisted on helping out too! Great being more Heidi!



### Phonics and reading meetings

Y1 and KS2 parents will have received an email about some parent reading and spelling workshops coming up next week.

The Y1 Phonics meeting will be held via zoom on Tuesday 19th at 4.15pm and Mrs Hall will be talking you through phonics, reading and spelling in Y1, with a big focus on the complicated Phase 5.

The KS2 reading meeting will be held on Thursday 21st at 4.15pm, again via zoom, where, again, Mrs Hall will be discussing the UPS reading goals, how we support and challenge your children, and how you can do the same at home, as well as nurturing a love of reading!

We realise that there is no ideal time to run these workshops and availability is tricky. All slides will be made available via email and put on our website too! The links are here:

#### Y1 Phonics:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9502660814?pwd=dWE3cFhXWExhM1FHUTRLQXowVUd4dz09>

#### KS2 Reading:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9502660814?pwd=dWE3cFhXWExhM1FHUTRLQXowVUd4dz09>

### Our Year group charities

Reception: **Pencils of Promise** (global education charity) - <https://pencilsofpromise.org/>

Y1 and 2: **UNICEF** (Paddington Postcards) - <https://www.unicef.org.uk/paddingtons-postcards/>

Y3: **The British Red Cross** (linked to **Respecting nature's power: 'What Makes The Earth Angry?'**) - <https://www.redcross.org.uk/>

Y4: **Water Aid** (linked to **'Water: Nature's Driving Force'**) - <https://www.wateraid.org/uk/>

Y5: **The Woodland Trust** (Linked to **'Brazil And The Amazon: Respect, Responsibility, Rivers and Rainforests'**) - <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>

Y6: **Place2Be** - Children's Mental Health charity - <https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

We also support the World Wildlife Fund as a whole school by sponsoring an Amur Leopard – Happy and Larry, our resident leopards (stuffed obviously ;-)) are mascots that represent the respect and responsibility we should have for our world and environment. Your child may come home with one of them if they are our weekly key stage winner on a Friday! **KEEP THOSE 5ps COMING IN EVERY WEEK!**

### PE KITS IN LINE WITH POLICY...

We aren't a school which is a stickler and incredibly stringent. We understand that sometimes a bit of leeway needs to be given. However, can we please remind you that we expect PE kits to be in line with our policy—which states school colours and no branded clothing. This is starting to creep in and is very apparent as children who have PE wear those kits all day. This also applies if children are going to after-school clubs. Children can wear PE kits but not branded kits or clothes to school. If older children want to wear kits, then they should be getting changed into these after school. Please bear this in mind.

**MAKING US ALL PROUD**— We got an email this week from one of our parents who told us about how some of our children came and looked after her when she got into a bit of difficulty this week. She didn't catch their names but we are proud that these children showed how kind and responsible they are. Well done whoever you are!!