



## Urmston Primary School

*Dear Parents and Carers...As we draw near to the end of our first half term back at school, we just wanted to give a shout out to our amazing children who have adjusted to our school procedures and sometimes baffling rules with the minimum of fuss. A special mention to all of our Nursery and Reception children who have brightened each and every day with their enthusiasm and joy for learning. Keep going boys and girls!*



### C-19 UPDATE

Thankfully, we have had no reported cases of positive cases of Covid yet at UPS. Infection rates continue to be a concern in Trafford and in the North West amid speculation of circuit breaks and tiers. We continue to do what we are doing and if there is change that affects schools we will let you know as soon as we know.

### BHM TALK HOMEWORK

This week's talk homework is to do a little bit of research. Can any of you tell us about two very inspirational figures from History?

1. Walter Tull
2. Mary Seacole

Why are these two people famous?

What made them so inspirational?



### HARVEST

**We will have boxes at each gate from Monday to collect non-perishable goods for Stretford Foodbank in recognition of Harvest. Your donations are very gratefully received. Rev Smith, one of our school governors has also recorded a Harvest assembly for our children to watch next week. Thank you Stephen!**

### 'WELCOME' VIDEOS

**We hope that you have all received the Welcome videos that we sent out for your children's class. If your child was absent on the day and is not in the video, please let the office know and we will endeavour to make a specific smaller clip for you so you don't feel left out. Many thanks!**

### BEE AWARD ASSEMBLY

**If your child come home with a Bee Award certificate and they answer 'I dunno!' when you ask them why they have received it then please follow the link to this week's assembly to find out why...**

<https://youtu.be/KNpopTMFtw4>

WATER BOTTLES...please can they be flip-top/mouthpiece style if possible...it can get messy and disruptive otherwise. Thank you.

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### **Zoom Reception Coffee Morning and Curriculum and Phonics meeting**

Thank you to parents in Reception who joined us this morning for our virtual coffee morning. I hope you found it worthwhile.

Reception Parents should also have received a link to our Curriculum and Phonics meeting on Wednesday 21st at 6pm. We hope to see as many of you as possible there and be prepared for a jammed pack meeting! Our Reception staff will talk you through the world of phonemes and graphemes, early reading, and what the Early Years curriculum looks like. If you haven't received the link, please let our office know.

### **Individual Photos**

Individual pupil photos will be going ahead this year, on the 21st October. Having spoken with our photographer and having listened to pleas from parents, we have been able to arrange siblings photos JUST FOR THOSE FAMILIES WITH A YEAR 6 PUPIL. We have done this as we recognise that this will be the final opportunity for sibling photos for those in Year 6. We are really sorry that we cannot accommodate other siblings photos this year but it has just proved impossible to coordinate with the extra precautions and procedures that we would have to put in place to do this which would compromise our current risk assessment. We appreciate your cooperation in this and hope that you can understand our predicament.

### **HALLOWEEN DRESS UP OR OWN CLOTHES**

Children will be able to wear own clothes/fancy dress/Halloween (but not too scary!) for the last day of this first half term of the year. Please bring in a pound for our school fund and buckets will be at the gates. Thank you!!

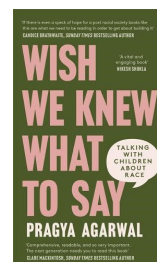


### **Let's Talk About Race**

A number of our staff attended a seminar hosted by Professor Vini Lander from Leeds Beckett University called 'Let's talk about Race.' We have so much to learn and to reflect upon and to this end and hope to organise our Diversity forum in the near future to help us really become an anti-Racist. Ms Ahle has kindly recommended to our staff a number of books to educate and help inform on this topic which you may like to read yourselves.

- Why I'm no longer talking to White people about race by Reni Eddo -Lodge
- White Fragility by Robert DiAngelo
- Staying in Power by Peter Fryer
- Black and British by David Olusoga
- Black People in the British Empire by Peter Fryer

Thank you also to one of our parents who attended the meeting and has recommended a book on how to talk about race with children by Pragya Agarwal.



Keep your eye out for the book pictured here. One of our parents will be giving out leaflets giving you more information very soon...

Finally, we would just like to wish you all a very pleasant weekend and hope you can find time to enjoy it whatever you get up to! See you next week!!