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Urmston Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we're two weeks in and there really has been quite a lot going on in all areas of the school! Many of you will have heard from us to say that there has been one or more confirmed cases of Covid in your child's year group and we'd like to reassure you that we are in touch with Public Health about the best measures to take...we'll be sure to keep you informed if there are any changes and whether we'll need to re-introduce any of last year's measures.

On a really positive note, your children have started back in school brilliantly! Their attitudes towards their learning is really so exciting and we are very much looking forward to engaging and enthusing them with our curriculum! You should have had plenty of information on Seesaw about this as well as a part you might play by means of curriculum homework projects and, as always, the reading, spelling and times tables expectations. There are one or two dates that we'll have for your diaries coming up - parent workshops, meetings, etc. so we'll be in touch soon with the details.

In the meantime, thank you for continuing to make our school community such a pleasant, happy and vibrant place.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Parker and Mr Doherty

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SOME IMPORTANT NOTICES

Nursery Entrance

Please could we ask that only Nursery parents are using our Nursery gate for entering and exiting school. This is a specific safeguarding requirement and we ask parents whose children do not attend Nursery to return through the main gates. We thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Seesaw

We hope that you have all been able to login to Seesaw at home and are finding it a useful tool for you and your children. We would like to remind you that Seesaw should be used for general information regarding what your child is doing in school. If you have any messages about absences or queries for staff, please email our office on:

admin@urmstonprimaryschool.com.

Jasper and Tamsin 'being more'.

Well done to Jasper and Tamsin who, over the holidays, have been busy illustrating for author, Claire Walmsley, who shared her book, 'Even Mighty Lions Have Bad Days' at Urmston Library. They were so proud of their finished work...and you so you should be guys. Great stuff! You can check out Claire's work on her FB page...

<https://www.facebook.com/ClaireLWalmsley/>



Class Charities...a reminder...

We wrote to you recently about year group charities. The purpose of having these is very much to encourage our children's sense of kindness, respect and, especially, responsibility in 'being more'. We've asked them to bring in just 5p a week to help support their charities so that when we share the impact that their support has, they'll get a sense of achievement and altruism which will hopefully become a habit of wanting to be a good citizen and one that supports others when they need it.

The year group charities are below, along with a link to their website.

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!

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CALM...

You may remember that one of our parents and school governor, Rev. Stephen Smith, set up a Just Giving page for CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably). Stephen wanted to thank you for your kindness and generosity - he raised £520. Thank you Stephen and well done everyone. The page is still running if you're interested!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stephen-smith-ordination-calm>

Year R/1 Earhart

Each week, we hope to give you a little insight into our class names. Mrs McNutt's and Mrs Pitchford's YR/Y1 class have chosen Amelia Earhart as their class name. Amelia Earhart was the first woman and only second person in history to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Year 1 will be learning about explorers like Earhart and we think she is a great inspiration for our YR/Y1 class.

