



Christmas newsletter 18.12.20

Urmston Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

So...we made it!

There is so much to say about this year that we really don't know where to start! We've done a little video message (link below) to try and sum up how we feel but we will summarise here with some thank yous...

Firstly, thank you to our governing body, who have continued to show such trust in our school leadership, whilst challenging us on how we are doing the best for your children.

Secondly, thank you to all of the staff at UPS. Our school values are for everyone in our school community and they have been fantastic role models in 'being more'.

Thirdly, thank you to all of you parents and families...for all of your support and understanding in regard to the difficult decisions that we've needed to make this calendar year. Your smiling faces have been reassuring for all of us as staff members and we have also greatly appreciated your candidness in challenging us and asking us questions on how we can improve. We will always urge you to do this—we are accountable in keeping your children safe and happy and realise what a privileged position we are in, in being able to help them grow socially, emotionally and academically...and you play a key part in this.

And lastly, to our quite stupendous children...for continuing to 'be more' in every way and for being the happy reason why we get up in the mornings. You continue to be absolute little stars, as is illustrated by the examples overleaf!

We all know that it is quite likely that 2021 will start off equally as challenging as 2020, but we are also confident that in supporting each other, we'll get through it all the stronger!

We hope that you have a calm, restful and peaceful Christmas and join you all in hoping for a considerably less eventful 2021!

See you on **TUESDAY** 5th January! <https://youtu.be/91X14KEuvkg>

LET US KNOW

As much as we don't want to hear from any of you over the Christmas break, if your child tests positive with symptoms showing this coming Sunday or before, you must please let us know asap via s.parker@urmstonprimaryschool.com and m.doherty@urmstonprimaryschool.com. Thank you.



THANK YOU SCHOOL OF PLAY!

We just wanted to say a big thanks to our wrap-around care, School of Play.

They have proven themselves to be excellent tenants and I'm sure all of the children and parents who work with them will agree that they are doing a fantastic job. Wonderful leadership, super staff. Great stuff. Happy Christmas guys!

We also wish our friends from Playworks and Kidsmix a happy Christmas too...it is lovely to see you up and running after such a difficult year...onwards and upwards!

THANK YOU PTA

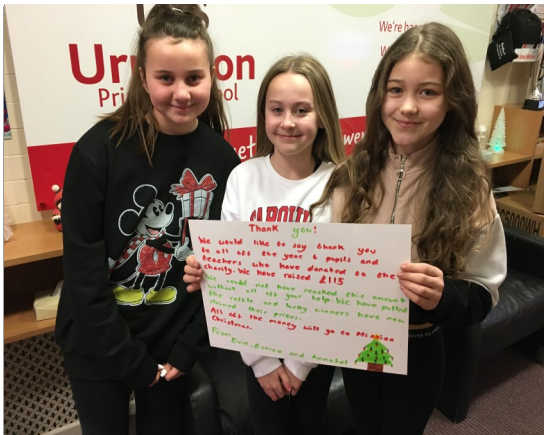
A huge thank you also to our wonderful PTA! Your team may be small but you are no less potent and passionate in your support for our children. Thanks also to all of our parents for supporting our PTA...they raise vital funds for our school and enable us to obtain resources that make our children's learning that much better.

Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS...

We really miss being all together, but alas, restrictions currently won't allow us to. Our 'Carols on the Playground' is always such a lovely event and we'll look forward to the day we can have our big get-togethers again in 2021. Just so you don't miss out this year though, please click on the link to our Christmas Songs video, from all of our children at UPS! Please be reminded not to share on social media. Thank you and Happy Christmas!

<https://youtu.be/2TljtUZqyV8>



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We also have Bella and Emmie, who received a letter from CentrePoint, thanking them for the money that they raised for homeless people. And then we have Maja, Georgia, Evie, Noa and Ruby, who have been thanked by Trafford Hospitals for their donation following their super fundraising skills.



And then we have all three Warrens showing tremendous resilience last weekend when they completed their charity Santa Dash to raise money for Women's Aid—we had Jasper running 5k, Tamsin running 4k and Fraser running 1k...all further than they have ever run in training! They found it hard at times and wanted to stop but showed super resilience in carrying on. Super proud!

Well done to all of you. You make the world a better place and remind us of the importance of giving at Christmas, this year more than any other.



JUNIOR HOT DINNERS: It was our intention to start junior hot dinners after Christmas. Unfortunately, logistically it is awfully difficult as keeping the bubbles separate would mean a dinner break that is far too long and unmanageable. We will introduce them as soon as we possibly can. Thank you for your understanding.



THANK YOU to 'NAGS HEAD CIRCLE TREES'...for donating a wonderful tree to us again. It is always greatly appreciated!

On Christmas Eve at 6pm we are asking everyone to come outside and ring a bell for 2 minutes to spread Christmas spirit and to help Santa fly that sleigh 🛷🐾

After a tough year it would be an amazing memory for the kids and communities. End 2020 with a bit of Magic, hope and togetherness! 🎄🌟🎁

Christmas Eve Jingle 2020



Thanks Helen...a lovely idea!