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# Urmston

## Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers...have a lovely weekend. Mr P.

### Our Environment at UPS

For quite some time we have wanted to look into the environment around our school, particularly in the streets and considering traffic just outside on Newton Road, Hereford Grove and Wycliffe Road. I sent out a letter this week about putting together an environment working party of sorts and we are going to meet as part of our parent partnership meeting on Wednesday 2nd February at 12.30. I hope to see as many of you there as possible, despite the time not working for everyone. Thanks in advance...the link is below.

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### A Shabti at UPS!

A Shabti, we hear you ask...what on earth is a Shabti? Well, it is a 3000 year old artefact that is now temporarily housed at UPS! Urmston Primary School has been selected to take part in the 'Shabtis in School' project lead by Manchester Museum. A shabti is a small servant figurine that was buried with its owner in a tomb in the Ancient Egyptian period. Its purpose was to do the work that its owner would not have wanted to do in the afterlife. The project has enabled us to have a shabti installed in school which will be on loan until the Summer term.

On Wednesday, all of the children learnt about the Shabti as part of a history day where we discussed artefacts and all sorts about historical enquiry. We invited Dr. Campbell Price, Curator of Egypt and the Sudan at Manchester Museum, into school to speak to the children about the Shabti and his career as an Egyptologist. He was an inspirational speaker and the children were incredibly enthused and excited to find out more about this ancient artefact, the Egyptian era and the role of a curator.

We will be inviting families into school to view the shabti soon. Please look out for dates on future newsletters.

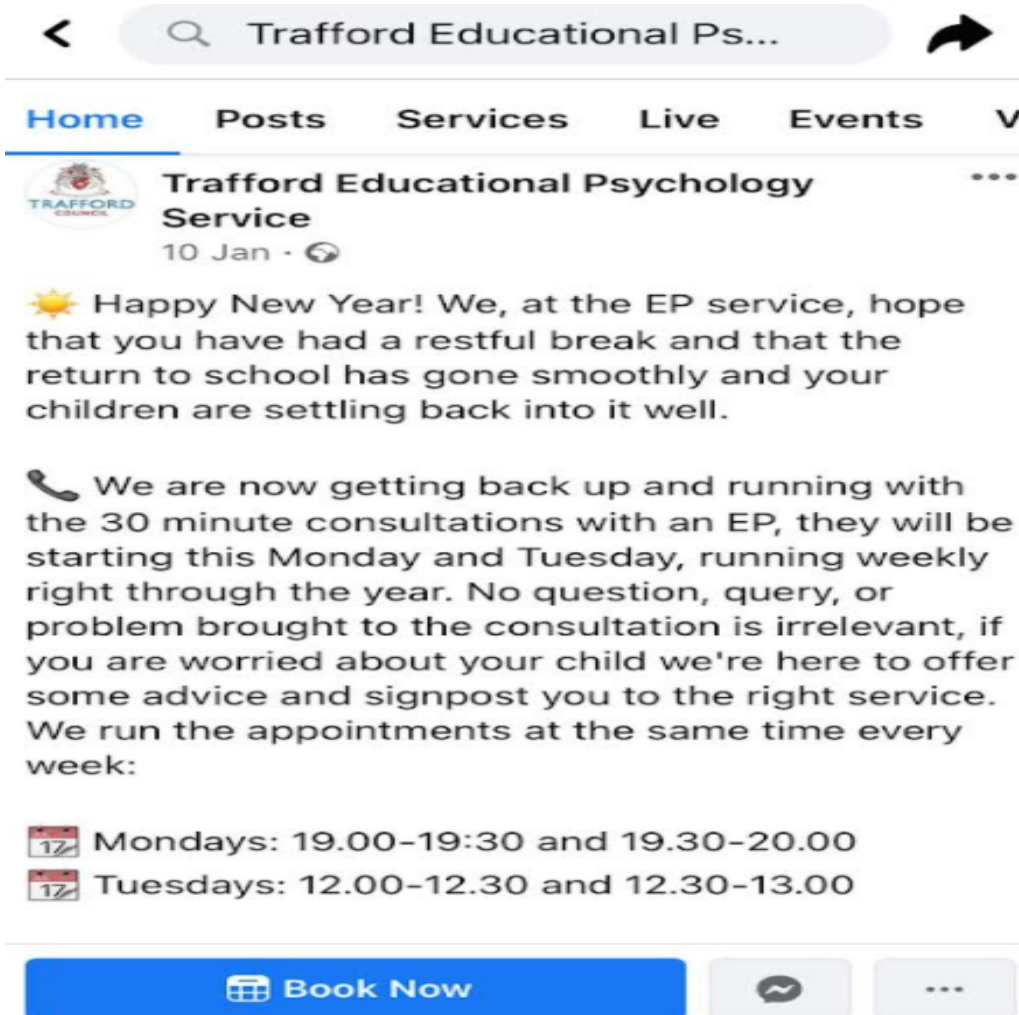


### SEN LOAN SERVICE...a reminder!

Mrs Helyar wrote to you about loaning out some resources that might help your children both In school and at home. We've invested in a lot of weighted blankets, fidget toys, and all sorts, with the aim that it might help your children to be more calm and focused when needed and perhaps aid them in regulating their emotions. If you feel this might benefit your child, please contact Mrs Helyar on [j.helyar@urmstonprimaryschool.com](mailto:j.helyar@urmstonprimaryschool.com).

### Trafford Educational Psychology Service

We work closely with the Educational Psychology Service at Trafford and it has never been more important. It is a brilliant service which is trying to enhance provision further as they recognise the significant needs of our children in today's society. Accessing the service through school isn't always easy...waiting lists can be long. However, if you go to the Trafford Educational Psychology Service Facebook page, you'll see that you can book a free 30 minute consultation, which might give you some ideas or even a nudge to talk to us at school further. Please take a look!



### 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. We'd really love you to get more involved with this so please email me at [s.parker@urmstonprimaryschool.com](mailto:s.parker@urmstonprimaryschool.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.

### PROVISIONAL DATES FOR THE DIARY...

Monday 24th January, 11am: SEN drop in with Mrs Helyar

Tuesday 1st February: Chinese New Year

Wednesday 2nd February, 12.45pm: Parent Wellbeing meeting — link to come

Monday 7th February, 1.30pm: SENDIASS workshop/Q&A

WB 7th February (sorry...previously said March!): Children's Mental Health Week with Place2Be

WB 14th March: Neurodiversity Celebration Week; WB 28th March: World Autism Awareness Week

Friday 18th March: Red Nose Day

Tuesday 22nd, Thursday 24th March: Parents Evening—info closer to the time.

There's lots more going on in school that you'll find out about and we'll also be putting on a writing workshop soon. Watch this space!