



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great relief, and not a small amount of excitement and positivity, that things seem to be returning to normal in school. Assemblies are fully up and running and it is a real joy to re-invigorate the togetherness and sense of belonging that we've missed over the last couple of years. Belonging is a theme that we'll be emphasising more and more at UPS as our society continues to get back to 'normal'. We want our children to have a tremendous sense of belonging and togetherness and our school values will form a key part of enhancing that sense of community and respect and responsibility for ourselves and each other. There'll be more on this soon.

As I mentioned last week, we hope to start inviting you in to school much more over the coming weeks and months as this is something that has been sorely missed too. The children have been doing some fantastic learning and there is little doubt that they'll want to show that off to you all!

Parents Evening is coming up in the week beginning 21st March and we are very much looking forward to these being face to face for the first time in quite a while. The majority of these meetings will be on Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th but there are some classes that will differ slightly so watch this space. Thank you and have a lovely weekend.

Simon Parker (he/him).

BEING MORE...Adam's respect and responsibility

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 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. This week, I've heard about Adam. Here he is collecting plastics from his recent trip to the beach. He thinks 'Being more' means reminding people to reuse and recycle their plastics to save planet earth and the living creatures on the land and in oceans. We couldn't agree more Adam. Fantastic being more buddy!



Connie and her sister getting their locks cut now!

Another 'being more' example is Connie and her sister, Olive, who will be getting much off their hair cut off for the Little Princess Trust. If you're interested in donating to this fantastic cause, you can do so here.

Well done girls!

<https://www.justgiving.com/Jennifer-Corkwood>

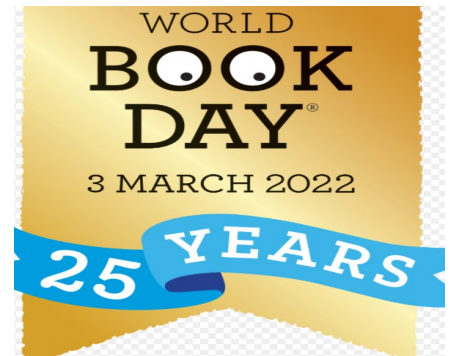
Covid-19...and the end of legalities

Following the PM's announcements earlier in the week, you'll know that there is now no legal obligation to isolate if you or your children test positive for Covid-19. However, you will also know that lateral flow tests are no longer available and so it will be pretty tricky to know whether you have Covid or not. Therefore, we are in a place where we're largely back to pre-Covid expectations...if your child is unwell, they shouldn't be in school and if they are well enough, please send them in!

WORLD BOOK DAY

We are looking forward to WBD next week and seeing your children (and each other) dressed up as characters from our favourite books. We will most certainly be emphasising what WBD is really about...the wonder of books and stories and how enjoyable it can be to escape into narrative.

The PTA will be putting on a breakfast at 8.15 in both halls...but we'll need some help! If you are willing to offer as little as 20 minutes of your time, please let Catherine know on catherineidavies@googlemail.com.



PROVISIONAL DATES FOR THE DIARY...

WB 14th March: Neurodiversity Celebration Week

WB 28th March: World Autism Awareness Week

Friday 18th March: Red Nose Day

UPS environment, roads, pavements, and safety

Nothing to report here just yet. I'm waiting for a questionnaire from Amey and the LA so I'll be in touch with that very soon!

ANXIETY WORKSHOP

Thank you to everyone who came to the anxiety workshop this lunch time and thanks also to Mrs Helyar for organising and CBT Zoe Brook for leading. We'll certainly be inviting Zoe back so keep an eye out for what's next...