



# Urmston Primary School

26.03.21

Dear Parents and Carers,

Having completed three weeks of having all of our children back in, it is so great to keep emphasising how resilient they have been. Some have found it a little tricky to gradually get back to realising the expectations that we have, but the eagerness for learning has, on the whole, not dissipated and we are very positive about how we are supporting and challenging them all over the summer term. We may be in touch again with you about how you can really help your children with their learning and development, particularly reminding them to work on those spellings and times tables and, of course, maintaining that love of reading!

Have a super weekend everyone,

From us all at UPS.

## Art Work and Red Nose Day

Although we weren't able to do our usual big event for RND, it was lovely to be able to do something collaborative and which was rather poignant in reflecting upon the last year. Thank you so much for all of your donations for the photographs of your children, flanked by their artwork...emerging from lockdown and spreading their wings! So far we have raised well over a thousand pounds which is great. Our Parentpay item is still open so if you haven't donated yet, there is still time. Thanks so much for your support!

## 'Early Help'

As we emerge from lockdown, we are all aware that the remanence of what has gone on over the last year, for many, will be felt for some time. For a number of reasons, things may be difficult at home and your child may be experiencing anxiety or exhibiting behaviours that you hadn't seen prior to what has happened in 2020-21. If you feel this applies to you and you might need some support, either by our pastoral team support your child or through some other agencies which run within our local authority, please do not hesitate to come and let us know and we can talk about how we might help.

## Relationships, Sex and Health Education

Thanks to those of you have made suggestions regarding the RSHE policy and guidance we sent last week. Please get any other questions in to [RSHE@urmstonprimaryschool.com](mailto:RSHE@urmstonprimaryschool.com) by Monday, or come and have a chat!



## Virtual Opportunities

Although we've been limited on school trips over the last year, virtual visits have talks have provided our children with a number of opportunities. Poet, Matt Goodfellow, joined us all last week, and Year 6 have particularly benefited recently. They've recently taken part in a workshop with Thomas Minns, a professional rugby player who has shown great resilience in overcoming anxiety and mental health difficulties, inspiring our children of the importance of seeking help when they need it and discussing his charity, MinnsMind. They've also had a zoom session with Sophie Morgan, who discussed women in sport, resilience and overcoming barriers in life. When one door closes...

### PTA Pre-loved Uniform...

Friends of Urmston are again able to collect your good condition pre loved uniform. We accept all uniform and PE clothes but please no shoes. There will be a donation box to drop off outside the junior office door after the Easter Holidays Tuesday 13 to Friday 16 April. If you require any items remember you can order by messaging our Facebook page or emailing [upsuniform@yahoo.com](mailto:upsuniform@yahoo.com)

We ask for a £1 donation per item to our funds for school.

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

### A reminder on current start and end times:

**Nursery:** 8.45am – 3.30pm – *due to space, parents can continue to drop off between 8.35am and 8.45am and pick up between 3.20pm and 3.30pm, to lessen congestion.*

**Infant Classes 1, 4 and 7:** 8.40am until 3.15pm

**Infant Classes 2, 3, 5 and 6:** 8.55am until 3.30pm

**Year 3:** 8.55am – 3.25pm    **Year 4:** 8.40am – 3.10pm

**Years 5:** 8.55am – 3.30pm    **Year 6:** 8.40am—3.15pm

*All children can begin to arrive ten minutes before the above start times.*

Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday. Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will parade and sing for our Junior classes. All children are welcome to wear own clothes, but if Junior children would prefer just their own bonnets and clothes, that will be fine with us.



### Ukulele Specialists!

We are most grateful to Trafford Music & our Year 1 staff for enabling the children to experience playing the ukulele this term, both via Zoom & in school. They played wonderfully together yesterday for their last lesson - their resilience shone through and the staff are very proud of their achievements! Well done to everyone!

