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Urmston
Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,
Just have a lovely weekend...

*Mr Parker, Mr Doherty and all of us here
at UPS*

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

We attended a local public health meeting yesterday. We were not told a great deal other than there were, as yet, no signs of the new omicron variant in the area. We have updated our risk assessments and advised you last week to please ensure you wear face coverings and take extra care as a precautionary measure whilst those 'in the know' look into what the new variant is all about. What we can say is that contacts of the omicron variant will be told to isolate for ten days, whereas with the current variant, there is no expectation to. We will keep you up to date on information as soon as we know more.

NATIVITIES AND ST CLEMENTS

You all know that we'll be putting on nativities in the infants and that the juniors will be walking down to St Clements for a Christmas gathering, to which parents are invited. Can we please remind you that the reason we are putting these events on is because we appreciate how important they are to you and our children. Please be mindful of our expectations for you to wear face coverings at these events and do a lateral flow on the day too. We want to do everything we can to ensure that we keep things as safe as we can for our children, our staff, and all of you, especially with Christmas coming up. We'll say again that should the current climate regarding Covid get more concerning, we may have to cancel at late notice and we do apologise for that. We're sure you understand.

'SEND' PARENT FORUM

We've mentioned to you a couple of times that we'll be holding a SEND parents forum on Tuesday 9th at 1pm, with a view to opening up communication between you all and the school and looking at the ways in which we can work together to ensure that your children are thriving. Please don't be put off by the title of the forum...SEND comes in many forms. It may be that your child masks things in school and when they get home, the lid comes off and you bear the brunt! It may be that having an opportunity to share any niggling concerns about your children, might open some doors to making their lives a little easier, as we think about the things that we can do, and you can do, to support them in being happy and thriving in school and at home. It will also be an opportunity for us to provide some clarity on the processes and procedures in SEND, both within school, and outside it. We really hope to see as many of you there as possible.

The link is here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9502660814?pwd=dWE3cFhXWExhM1FHUTRLQXowVUd4dz09>

EARLY HELP

Attached to this email, as last week, is some of the Early Help support that the local authority can offer. If you feel you might need some support for yourself, your children or your family, please don't hesitate to come and ask us for a chat. We feel a great responsibility as a community hub to provide support where it is needed as we are all too aware of the dwindling services that are out there. The offer is there should you need to take us up on it!

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. Our 'Being More' Curriculum is based on this premise and we'll be using our school values to embed this idea in school. We'd really love you to get more involved with this so please email us at s.parker@urmstonprimaryschool.com and m.doherty@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, Joe and Cass certainly fall into the 'being more' category!

They packed up their bikes last Saturday and headed to Crewe, for their next scheduled Cyclocross race. Despite freezing temperatures, headwinds, frozen toes and a few bumps along the way, they both finished their races.

We've heard how they have both worked so hard over the summer, training for Cyclocross season, and Joe even gained his first podium finish of 3rd in the U12s at the end of October.

He has also been training hard at the Velodrome moved up to Intermediate at the track sessions, and is now in a group with 14/15 year olds!

Doing our best in the things that we love (and sometimes don't!) really is what we're talking about when 'being more'. Well done boys...great stuff!



ANTI-RACISM AND BELONGING

We most certainly haven't forgotten about this and it is still very much on our agenda. We met today with a member of Leeds Beckett University to discuss our Anti-racism award and how we have veered towards the importance of 'belonging' in all its forms, whilst still acknowledging how much we realise that keeping anti-racism on the agenda is beneficial to us all, regardless of our race and background. We'll keep you posted on next steps.