



**Urmston**  
Primary School

04.10.24

Dear Parents and Carers...  
Have a lovely weekend!  
From us all at UPS

## PTO for important PTA business!

*Dates...further details will follow...*

*October: Black Legacy Month*

*Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – flu vaccines*

*Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – school individual photo day – uniforms for all please...even if PE!*

*Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – World Mental Health Day – everyone to wear yellow*

*Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 3.45: SEND Parent/Staff/Govs Parent Partnership meeting*

*Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October—Show Racism the Red Card—Wear Red Friday*

*Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November: Diwali*

*WB Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Anti-Bullying Week/World Kindness Day*

*Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November: Parents Evening*

*Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November: Children In Need*

*Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November: 9.15 - Sleep Talk with Sleep Therapy Services*

*Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: Own clothes and tombola donation (chocolates or bottle!)*

*Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: PTA Xmas Fair...volunteers please!*

### SEAN PERKINS AUTHOR...OSCAR AND BEN!

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, we will be having the pleasure of hosting author Sean Perkins, who will visit our school to read from his latest book, Oscar and Ben – The Sleepover. This exciting new release is the third instalment in the popular Oscar and Ben series. We're thrilled to offer you the chance to purchase a signed copy of this book.

In addition, Sean will have copies of his first two books available, and is offering a special discount if you'd like to purchase all three titles. The prices are as follows:

- £22.00 for all three books
- £15.00 for any two books
- £8.00 for a single book

If you would like your child's book(s) signed by the author, please complete the details on ParentPay by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024.



[www.seanperkinsauthor.com](http://www.seanperkinsauthor.com)

## WORLD SMILE DAY®

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Do an act of kindness. Help one person SMILE!



### BLACK LEGACY MONTH

During Black History Month this year, we would like to celebrate the **LEGACY** of black individuals. This will give our children the opportunity to research the life of a famous black individual who has made a positive impact in society and left a lasting legacy on the rest of us. Please use the opportunity to talk to your children about their year group's chosen individual and, along with us, discuss with your children their thoughts on what it means to be anti-racist and how we can commit to being anti-racist citizens. This is something we'll be doing in school. We'll look to have a forum or meeting of sorts later in the month to discuss how we might do this better, so please watch this space and do come and have a chat if you'd like!

## **PTA BUSINESS!!!**

### **Breakfast morning**

A massive thank you to all the children, parents and carers who attended our Breakfast Morning last Friday. It was lovely to see so many people having a lovely breakfast and raising much needed funds for the PTA.

A total of £162 was raised. Thank you for your generosity. If you would like to donate because you enjoyed the Breakfast Morning or would like to set up a regular monthly contribution to the PTA, please scan the QR code below.



### **Halloween costumes/Christmas jumpers**

If anyone has any Halloween costumes or Christmas jumpers that their child has grown out of, please consider donating to the school. They can be dropped off at the School Office any day next week.

These will then be sold before Halloween/Christmas to raise vital funds for the school. With the school experiencing further budget cuts this year, every contribution helps your child get the education they deserve. Thank you in advance.

### **UPS Christmas Fair**

This year's Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 23rd November 2024. There will be lots of stalls and activities for both children and parents/carers including our very popular Santa's Grotto, Teddy Adoption and our bottles and chocolate tombola! We will also be holding our Christmas Raffle with lots of great prizes.

We would love for any parents/carers to volunteer some of their time to help this fabulous event run smoothly. If you feel that you can give some of your time, please let us know by emailing [friendsofurmstonprimary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofurmstonprimary@gmail.com). Further details to follow soon.

### **Easyfundraising**

Joining [easyfundraising.org](http://easyfundraising.org) really is money for nothing for our PTA. Join today and raise free donations when you shop with over 8,000 retailers including Sainsbury's, Argos, M&S, eBay and many more who are ready to donate.

All you have to do is sign up at the following link:

<http://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/urmstonprimary/60aqa2/s2s/FGzwYxpg/SE876/whatsapp>

A huge thank you to those parents who have already signed up and raised £865 for the PTA so far! So please do consider it. It is such an easy way to raise money for your child's school.

### **Asda**

If you shop in Asda, you could make FREE money for your school by simply selecting UPS as the recipient of your shop. It is simple, it's quick and at no cost to you. There are only a couple of months to go so sign up at the following link: <http://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>



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rns.co.uk/  
supporting-  
autistic-girls-4/](https://www.autismlearns.co.uk/supporting-autistic-girls-4/)

## Supporting Autistic Girls

An online learning series: 4th - 5th October 2024

Watch live and/or stream recordings of all webinars for 30 days

### DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK

...is upon us and we'll be raising awareness here. Please take a look at these links which may well be useful...

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/support-us/awareness-events/download-an-information-and-resources-pack>

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/events/daw-2024-free-webinar-understanding-dyslexia>

### Guide to What Support is on offer in Trafford

Life is pretty complex at the moment and we all need a bit of help now and again. Take a look at the guide at the link below which offers information on what is out there in Trafford to support you and your children...

<https://www.urmstonprimary.com/parents/resources-for-parents>

### Author Visit

We are very excited to announce that the brilliant author Marie Basting will be coming to our school to talk about her new book, Auntie Medusa and Me on Thursday 17th October 2024.

*'An action-packed, laugh-out-loud funny Greek mythology adventure.*

*I'm Silvia, an ordinary kid just like you.*

*At least, I was ordinary until I wound up in Ancient Rome and found out I'm a demigoddess. Yeah, that took me by surprise too. But seriously, travelling back in time is nothing compared to what's happening now.*

*Medusa the gorgon wants her head back – and she's chosen me to find it!*

Urmston Bookshop is providing copies of Marie's books, - and your child will be able to get their book signed by Marie and be able to say hi and have a short chat.

If you would like your child to buy a book, please complete Parent Pay by Friday 11th October, paying for the book / books you wish to purchase.

PARENT AND CARER INFORMATION  
AND ADVICE SESSIONS 24 - 25:



## School Attendance Difficulties & Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance

Is your child struggling or reluctant to go to school?

Trafford's Educational Psychology Service are hosting a series of advice and information sessions throughout this academic year. Each session will begin with some information about school attendance difficulties and what support can be offered, followed by a chance to ask questions and chat to other parents and carers. Each session will last around 90 minutes.

#### Online (via Teams):

1pm, Friday 29th November  
10.30am, Monday 3rd February  
6pm, Thursday 8th May

#### Firswood Community Centre:

1pm, Friday 6th December  
6pm, Wednesday 5th March  
10.30am, Thursday 19th June

#### Urmston Library:

5.30pm, Tuesday 19th November  
10.30am, Thursday 20th March  
1pm, Monday 23rd June

#### Altrincham (TPF):

10.30am, Wednesday 6th November  
1pm, Tuesday 11th March  
6pm, Thursday 19th June

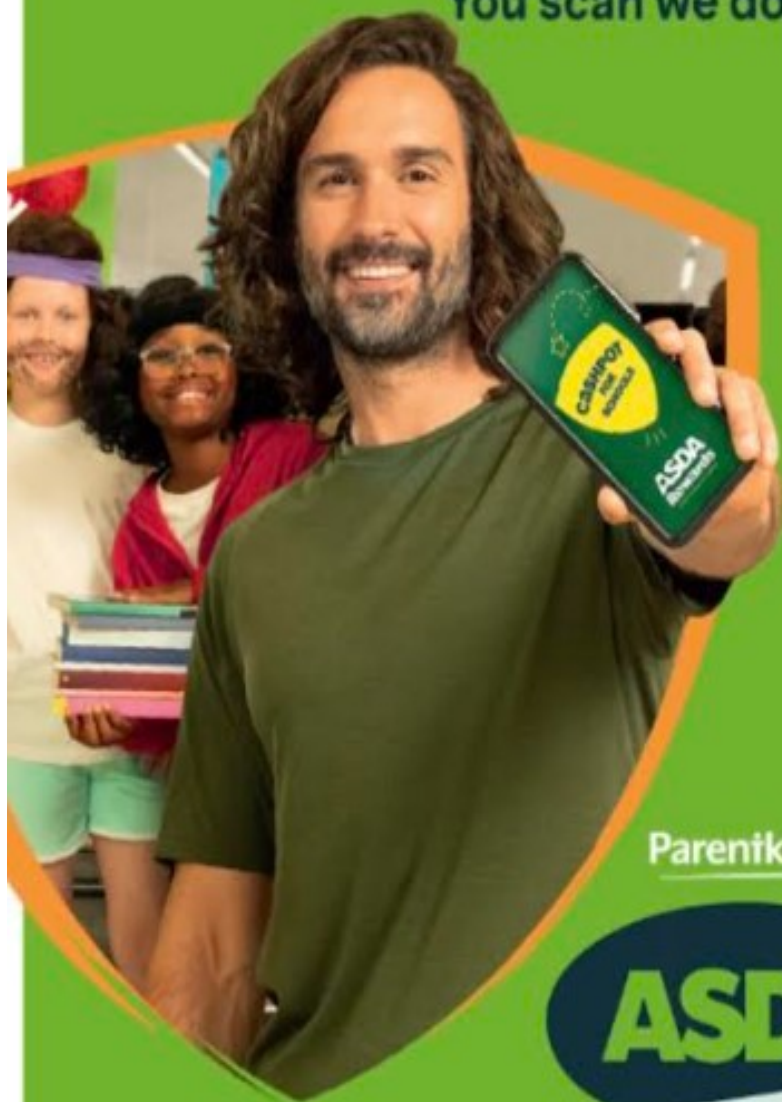
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## Autism courses for families

- Refreshments provided [tea, coffee, biscuits], please bring your own lunch
- This is open to parent/carers only. Receive a FREE course booklet to take home
- Learn from our experienced facilitators & other

### Understanding sensory needs course

5th December 9.30am-2.30pm

Benchill community centre

Benchill Road

Manchester M22 8EJ

**Booking is essential for this free course**

**more information: click [link](#)**

Email [gmac@nas.org.uk](mailto:gmac@nas.org.uk)

[www.autismgm.org.uk/events](http://www.autismgm.org.uk/events)





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### Understanding and supporting stress and anxiety-related behaviour course

21st Nov 2024 9.30-2.30pm

Bolton Central library

Bolton BL1 1SE

**Booking is essential for this free course**  
more information: click [link](#)

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### **Understanding and supporting stress and anxiety-related behaviour course**

3rd October 2024 9.30-2.30pm

Brigehall Community Centre

Siddington Ave, Stockport SK3 8NR

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