



**Urmston**  
Primary School

08.10.21

Dear Parents and Carers,

The nights are drawing in and we've definitely feeling the colder weather at the moment. Unfortunately, this brings with it an increased likelihood of coughs and colds and with the current covid climate this can muddy things somewhat. If we told everyone who had symptoms to stay off, we'd have no one left, but please be sensible and book a PCR test if your child displays symptoms. Otherwise, they can come in. This really is a judgement call but if you are unsure about this, please do just give us a call.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Mr Parker and Mr Doherty*

Belonging Lunch

CHANGE OF TIME:

We intend continuing with our Belonging forum this year and will be meeting on Wednesday 20th October. Unfortunately, due to the huge increase in Covid cases in Trafford and within our own community currently, we don't feel it wise to continue with our meeting in person at school. However, we would still like to hold our meeting on Wednesday 20th October but it will be now be via Zoom. We will hold it at 12.15pm so that some of you may be able to join us for lunch! More details next week.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84990639542?pwd=TC8vVXYzRGNSa2FHUkpZbUJJKZVRXUT09>

**#HelloYellow!**

Thank you to all who have supported today with your children wearing yellow for World Mental Health Day, and for your donations. As we said in Wednesday's letter, it feels like there has never been amore important time to look out for one another and keep each other's (and especially our children's) mental health in mind.

**YOUNG MINDS**  
fighting for young people's mental health



We've got Anna, who completed the memory walk and helped raise over £400 for the Alzheimer's Society—wonderful respect, responsibility and resilience Anna!



We've got Jack who has shown such wonderful positivity and resilience in scaling Snowden in the driving rain (having already beaten Skiddaw and Catbells in the Lakes). Super stuff Jack!



And we've had Scarlett, Nixon and Libby, who recently took part in the Cancer Research U.K. Pretty Little Mudder Race for Life at Tatton Park. They braved the wind and rain and completed the 5km course with big smiles and muddy faces, raising £250 in the process. You should be so proud guys...well done to you all!



**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

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[m.doherty@urmstonprimaryschool.com](mailto: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 we've had plenty...

### Our Year group charities

Reception: **Pencils of Promise** (global education charity) - <https://pencilsofpromise.org/>

Y1 and 2: **UNICEF** (Paddington Postcards) - <https://www.unicef.org.uk/paddingtons-postcards/>

Y3: **The British Red Cross** (linked to **Respecting nature's power: 'What Makes The Earth Angry?'**) - <https://www.redcross.org.uk/>

Y4: **Water Aid** (linked to **'Water: Nature's Driving Force'**) - <https://www.wateraid.org/uk/>

Y5: **The Woodland Trust** (Linked to **'Brazil And The Amazon: Respect, Responsibility, Rivers and Rainforests'**) - <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>

Y6: **Place2Be** - Children's Mental Health charity - <https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

We also support the World Wildlife Fund as a whole school by sponsoring an Amur Leopard – Happy and Larry, our resident leopards (stuffed obviously ;-)) are mascots that represent the respect and responsibility we should have for our world and environment. Your child may come home with one of them if they are our weekly key stage winner on a Friday! **KEEP THOSE 5ps COMING IN EVERY WEEK!**

### **Phonics and reading meetings**

Y1 and KS2 parents should be getting an email soon about some parent reading and spelling workshops coming up.

The Y1 Phonics meeting will be held via zoom on Tuesday 19th at 4.15pm and Mrs Hall will be talking you through phonics, reading and spelling in Y1, with a big focus on the complicated Phase 5.

The KS2 reading meeting will be held on Thursday 21st at 4.15pm, again via zoom, where, again, Mrs Hall will be discussing the UPS reading goals, how we support and challenge your children, and how you can do the same at home, as well as nurturing a love of reading!

We realise that there is no ideal time to run these workshops and availability is tricky. All slides will be made available via email and put on our website too!

### **PE KITS IN LINE WITH POLICY...**

**We aren't a school which is a stickler and incredibly stringent. We understand that sometimes a bit of leeway needs to be given. However, can we please remind you that we expect PE kits to be in line with our policy—which states school colours and no branded clothing. This is starting to creep in and is very apparent as children who have PE wear those kits all day. Please bear this in mind.**