



# UPLANDS MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Hello! It is so exciting to give you an update as to what we have been working on as a school since Christmas.

## Reading

Reading in and out of school is a high priority for us at Uplands Manor. It is so important that your children learn to read, and practice reading at home, so that they can achieve educational success in all subjects.

Our School Council have been working hard to ensure that reading areas in classrooms are well stocked and inviting. They have gathered ideas from their classmates and feedback to Mrs Sutton our English leader. The School Council will be involved in checking there are improvements over the coming weeks.

We hosted our Bedtime story event for Y3. The event was well attended by pupils and parents and shows how we can nurture the love of reading together. It is great to see the welcoming classrooms, see each group enjoying storytelling and seeing pupils in their pyjamas!

We have booked for the whole school to visit Thimblemill Library to get a library card and borrow a book. This introduces pupils to their local library and means they can then take books out whenever they want to. Parents be prepared to take them please!

The Sandwell Family Van attends school site every half term, sharing family advice and support, and their mobile library where each family can borrow books! Please make the most of these opportunities to support your children's reading journeys, and develop essential foundational skills.

## Community

We work hard to make sure that your children get a range of wider opportunities to experience. After school clubs, local visits, trips further away and visitors into school are some of the ways we ensure that our curriculum is varied, interesting and fun. And all are partly or fully funded by us.



This half term alone, Reception have visited the Mosque, Y5 welcomed the Wonderdome into school for their Science work, Vikings (Y4) and Egyptians (Y3) were visitors into school to develop our history learning, Y1 have visited the allotments and Y5 have been swimming.



We have also re-established our weekly singing assemblies with Mr Williams. These are a great way for us to practice our musical skills and enjoy sharing music with others. We regularly sing in the local community; to show our talented pupils and the excellent musical work they create with Mr Williams.

We are keen to continue developing opportunities for parents to come into school. INSPIRE sessions for parents happen twice per year and parent feedback is always positive. These sessions give us a chance to show you what your children have been learning about and to engage you in what you can do to help at home.

We have been part of an NHS Nurse Ambassador Project where 8 x Y5 pupils have been receiving extra learning about key public health messages. This has included health, cleanliness and hygiene information. They will shortly be sharing this learning in an assembly.



Our girls' Y5/6 football team are also going from strength to strength. They played at West Bromwich Albion's Dome at a Sandwell tournament. They won 1 match, lost 1 match and drew 2 matches. They will go on to play in other divisions. It is great to see some of them joining external football teams as a result – well done girls! Fixtures start again after half term for both boys and girls.

We are sad to be saying farewell to Miss Adelowo today as she leaves us, however, we hope you will join us in congratulating her on her forthcoming marriage and relocation.

Have a wonderful half term holiday! **Pupils return to school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.**

Yours faithfully



Mrs R Keen  
Headteacher

