UPLANDS MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

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Even after 8 weeks, we can always achieve so much at Uplands!

Mrs Monk and I have interviewed applicants for the Year 6 House Captain and Deputy House Captain posts. We are pleased to announce that Rumaysa, Ekam, Maryam, Arshpreet, Amelia, Mahir, Niamh and Haniya are newly appointed for their houses. They become an important part of our Junior Leadership team at Uplands, with positions of responsibility to help us lead school and help them develop leadership skills for the future. You may have met them at parents' evening when they were helping parents.

We have welcomed lots of visitors to Uplands this half term. Mr Gibbs, the school improvement officer from Sandwell local authority and Mrs Mackinney, leadership consultant. Both praised how calm school is, and the consistency of classroom environments.



We also welcomed Joe Wicks to our school to show the importance of physical exercise in our lives. Our school movement offer involves an hour of physical play for every child every day, and two PE lessons per week. We will be sharing more information with parents about Opal lunchtimes soon - where we show you the importance of play opportunities and what is on offer to your children.

We continue to improve our lockdown systems in school. All staff and pupils have been trained what to do if they hear the lockdown alarm. Mrs Chester led an assembly for pupils, and we will be practising regularly. The audible tannoy system means we can get messages across school quickly, and parents hear this every morning when our welcome to school music plays

Attendance at Uplands goes from strength to strength. We are broadly in line with national standards but need your help to ensure every pupil comes to school every day. Please make sure you:



- Take all holidays during the school holiday dates as term time holidays will not be authorised
- If one child is ill in the family, siblings still need to be brought to school
- Doctor and dentist appointments need to be arranged after school and if it is a hospital appointment during the school day, then children need to be brought in before and after the appointments. You must provide evidence of the appointment
- Get your child in school by 8.50am; gates will close from 9am. If they are late it affects attendance percentages and you could get a fine.

We will be advertising some classroom assistant jobs soon. Please check out the WM Jobs website for more information if you are interested. It is great to have parents using their skills and developing our partnership further by working with us.

We break up on Friday 23rd October and return to school on **Tuesday 3rd November.** Have a lovely half term

Yours faithfully

Mrs Keen
Headteacher