



UPLANDS MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As we move into the half term holidays, it gives me an opportunity to update you with what we have been working on in school this half term.

Children have settled back into school well and we have noticed very smart and well behaved individuals through school. Thank you to parents for ensuring your child has the correct uniform. We have our nearly new rail in the main entrance for any spare uniform that you may need. Children grow out of clothes so quickly that this is a great way to reuse, recycle and reduce - something our Eco Councillors in Y6 are always encouraging us to do!

Work we have been doing this term includes:

- All staff have had speech and language training from our specialists at the local authority. We do an excellent job in early years of supporting development of speech and language with targeted programmes, and we are now rolling this out through school with lots of work going into Y3 particularly.
- We are currently reviewing our behaviour policy in school - we are getting feedback from all school staff and we will be asking pupils and parents soon as part of this review. Look out for any updates. We have good behaviour through school and we want to review to ensure it represents all pupil needs.
- Our first term of clubs has already happened and our first trips have already gone out - Y5 swimming, visits to the church and visits to the Gurdwara in reception happen after half term
- Our KS2 results (Y6) from last year have been confirmed, and once again, our results improve year on year, closing the gap on national results.
- We have a new Chair of Governors - Mark Tyson.
- Our whole school attendance continues to improve and we are in line with our target of 96% - thank you to parents for working with us to achieve this - we have to keep it up as this makes a huge difference to what your children will achieve at the end of Y6 and into secondary school.
- We have appointed our new House Captains from Y6 for this year - they represent their house teams. They had to complete an application form and have an interview with me and Mrs Monk - they did a super job.

Some exciting things to come:

- We have been asked to switch the Christmas lights on Smethwick - more details to follow
- We are spending lots of money on revamping and refurbishing our school library - children visit weekly and we want a welcoming, engaging space for pupils to choose and read their reading for pleasure books

We will be sending parent questionnaires out soon for you to share your opinions about school with us. It is helpful to know what you feel we do well, and what you feel we need to work on, so we can continue our partnership together.

Don't forget that we return to school on **Tuesday 4th November**. Wishing you all a lovely holiday - stay safe!

Best wishes



Mrs Keen
Headteacher

