

UPLANDS MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

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As we near the end of Spring term, I would like to reflect on all we have achieved so far and celebrate the wonderful children and community we serve.

Our Playground Buddies have now completed their training and will be able to support pupils on the playground if they have any worries. We promised parents we would focus on anti-bullying, and what we would do to prevent this – this is one of our commitments to that.

Our focus on good wellbeing continues with our signposting to community services and support for families to know where to go for help. Our excellent safeguarding team are committed to this and work closely to support our families.

Our school football team have won 7/7 matches and won the schools' league. Well done Uplands Manor football team! Our dedication to running a range of after school clubs and school trips and visits covering different subjects / hobbies, across different year groups, ensures that we can celebrate and support our pupils to develop a wide skill set and a varied curriculum.

We had a phonics audit this term which shows the good practice that goes on at Uplands, and the importance of early reading. The team continue to work on sharing good practice across our school. Parents will see some of our new reading books coming home too!

Whole school attendance remains a priority. We are in line with local authority and national percentages, so our hard work is paying off. However, If your child is going to be off school, you must notify us. If it is illness, please contact us. If it is another absence, then you must complete a leave of absence form. During Eid we had over 200 families who had not completed leave of absence forms, so we didn't know where these children were. Fill in a form and then we know. Please get a form from the main entrance.

It has been lovely to welcome so many parents into school for our parent INSPIRE workshops this term— a chance for you to work with your children, see the work they have been completing and to learn more about our school curriculum. I have enjoyed seeing all pupils in praise assemblies this week. Pupils acknowledged for their efforts working towards our school values of achievement, belief, creativity, determination and enthusiasm – values for life!

I wish all our families a very happy Easter. We return to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April, and don't forget that school then finishes at 3.20pm every day.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Keen Headteacher

