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THE ACRE HALL NEWSLETTER



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Please do get in touch if you require any help or would like to tell us something.

Friday 19th June 2020

Update

We understand how very challenging this time must be for our Acre Hall families. The slow return to normality with shops re opening makes us all wish for better times. We feel that the last few weeks have been especially tough for our pupils and their parents; the realisation that school is unlikely to open fully before the Summer holiday is hard to endure. The government's announcement that they will be funding 'catch up' programmes is good news and we eagerly await further details from them.

The only thing we can do is offer a 'listening ear' to parents and pupils and we encourage you to call us so that we can try to help. We are setting up lots of Zoom opportunities over the next few weeks to make everyone feel part of the school community again. Your child's class teacher will be emailing you (same address as where we send this newsletter to) with details of a weekly Zoom call so that children in the class can see each other again albeit virtually. We are also hoping to run some virtual 'sports' events via Zoom—details in the next newsletter.

We will be sending you information about which class your child will be in next school year and also organising some 'Zoom' calls with next class teachers. We plan to send this information out during the second week in July.

We know that it takes time to complete home learning and that as many parents return to work after the lockdown there may be less opportunity to do this. However, we encourage children to do as much as they can and to look on Seesaw as a way of keeping in touch with their teachers. This week we have started 'Seesaw Stars' to acknowledge a few children each week, from the many, who are putting in lots of effort to upload photos and tasks to Seesaw.

'Zoom Cafe' with Mrs Green

Our regular Café meetings for parents of pupils in school who have EHC plans have not been able to take place during recent weeks. We will be holding a 'Zoom Café' on Tuesday 23rd June at 10am. Mrs Green will email a link to all those who have previously attended but if your child has an EHC plan and you would like to attend, please let the school office know and we will send out the link to you.

Be Aware

There has been a 40 per cent increase in reported scams during the coronavirus pandemic. This week marks the start of Citizens Advice Scams Awareness Fortnight (15 - 26 June), which focuses on raising awareness of the scams that have emerged as a result of the outbreak. Visit the Citizens Advice page—link below—to find out how to check if something is a scam, how to report a scam, and what emotional support is available.

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/our-campaigns/all-our-current-campaigns/scams-awareness-campaign-2020/>

Learning at home

We are delighted that so many Acre Hall families have embraced our digital platform 'Seesaw' which teachers are using to set home learning tasks. Seesaw was deliberately chosen as it can be used on laptops, tablets or mobile phones. We are happy to help anyone who has not yet set it up and can talk you through this over the phone.

Seesaw stars for this week - More stars from more classes next week !

Mrs Jones's class—Scarlet

Miss Breslin's class—Mikey J, Isla, Charlie, Jamie B, Daniel M, Callum, Kieran and Frankie

Miss Forlani's class—Iain

Mrs Moore's class—Addison, Alec, Harry and Despoina

Mrs Yeates/Ms Mackinder's class—Phin

Mrs Kan's class—Mason C

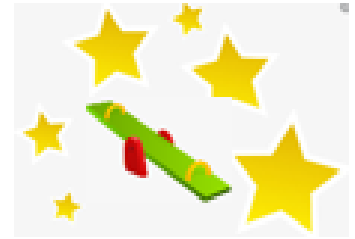
Mr Stevenson's class—James

Miss Cook's class—Kai and Abbie

Miss Atherton's class—Aiden and Rahul (Rahul for completing every PE task set by Mr Williams)

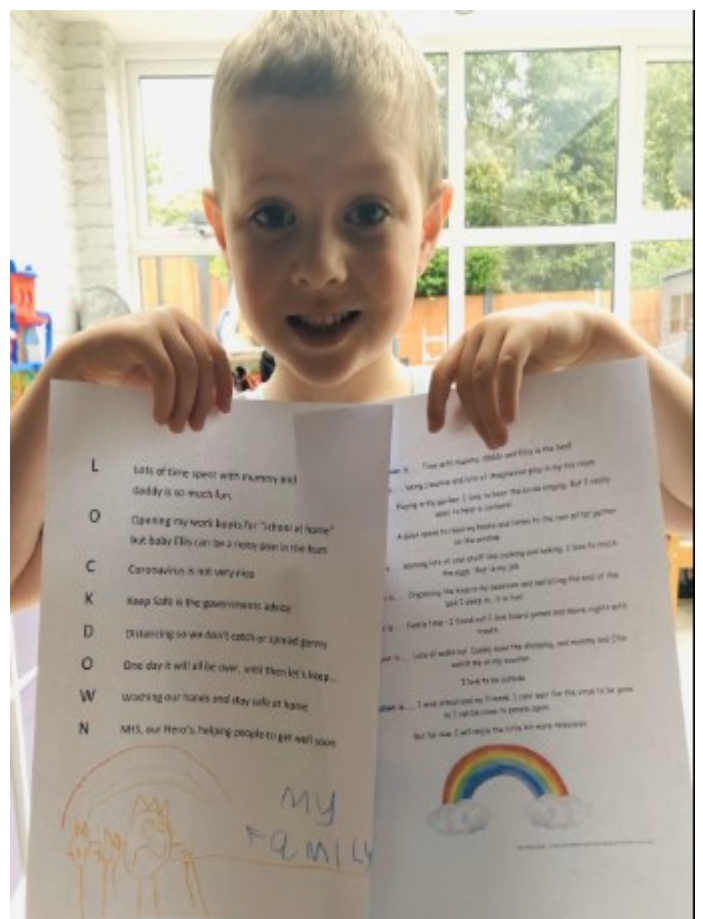
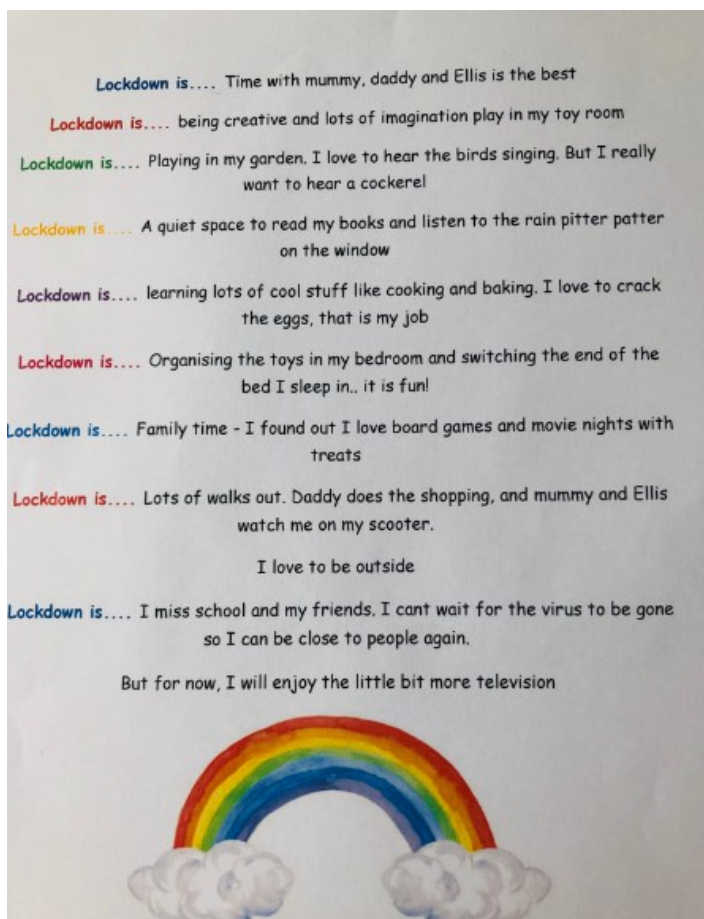
Mr Gillan's class—Alex

Mrs Edwards class—Grace, Ellie, Richard, Janisha and Thomas



Art Competition

As a project for the Whit holiday we asked pupils to create a piece of art work or a poem to describe their feelings during the lock down period. There have been some fantastic responses which have really showed us the impact that not being at school has had on our pupils. Here are some photos of Mikey J's entry.



Here are some more entries from Daniel D, Emma, Mason and Iain from Miss Forlani's class.

