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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.

Update

Free School Meals

We send these vouchers out fortnightly but the government have now announced that these will also be provided for the summer holiday period. This will be as a bulk voucher for the entire holiday and will be sent at the start of it.

Please let us know next week if you wish to change the supermarket where you can redeem your vouchers. If there is anyone who has not yet applied please log on to <https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/trafford-catering/free-school-meals.aspx> for details.

School Places

We intend to increase the number of pupils in our key worker/vulnerable children 'bubbles' from Monday 6th July. Currently these have only 10 children at a time but due to increased confidence about the trend of infection rates in the Trafford area reducing over time (this is based on public health information that we regularly receive from Trafford) and the government's announcement that from 6th July social distancing can move to 1M + , we feel it is right to do this now. We ask that anyone who has any concerns contacts the school office so that we can explain the hygiene precautions etc that we are taking.

The additional places will mean that we can provide more spaces for key worker children and for those who are classed as vulnerable. We already have a lengthy waiting list for spaces and will offer to those parents first but encourage anyone who does require a place to let us know as soon as possible so that we can add you to our list. We are sorry that we can't have all of our pupils back at school at the moment. The government have said they will give us more information at the end of next week about how schools will return for the new school year in September. We will pass this on to you as soon as we get it.

Summer Holiday

School will be closed over the summer holidays for all children. Trafford are hoping to organise some 'childcare hubs' that can be accessed by any parents needing holiday childcare. This is being organised by the Family Information Service and we will send out details to you when we get them.

Transition Arrangements

The week beginning 6th July we will be sending out details of our class set up for the next academic year. We will let you know who your child's class teacher will be and detail the transition arrangements we have made so that children can say 'goodbye' to their current class teacher and 'hello' to their new class teacher. We would normally hold a 'moving on' afternoon in school where this would take place. You will understand that we can not do this at present but we will be organising opportunities through class Zoom calls. All information and links will be sent out via email on the Teachers2Parents system (the same system used to send out weekly newsletters).

Mrs August is famous!

Mrs August, our music teacher, is extremely talented and regularly plays the violin with national orchestras. She has recently joined with other musicians to accompany professional singers Katherine Jenkins and Marisha Wallace in an online performance titled 'World In Union'.

Follow the link to see it on youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fNjnmByT5EA&feature=youtu.be>

It is a song of hope in difficult times and is really lovely. Mrs August can be seen shortly after it begins—she is on the left hand side, second square down. We hope you enjoy it!

'Zoom Café' and 'Zoom Well Being Drop In Calls' 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 however the first 'Zoom Café' was held last week. We will be holding a further 'Zoom Café' at 10.00 am on Tuesday 30th June. 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.

Mrs Green is able to hold individual Zoom 'Well Being Drop In' calls with any parents who may require some support or would just like 'a listening ear'. Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a call. You do not have to say what it is about.

Zoom

We have been delighted to see pupils, who we can not invite in to school at present, on the class zoom calls that started this week. Links are sent out by the class teacher each week and also added to Seesaw. Please do not publicise these links and passwords, they are to keep the meeting secure and everyone safe.

The government has recently provided further information for parents about online safety—please follow the link below for further information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online>

They have also provided some updated advice for parents regarding online resources.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources>

Libraries Re Opening

As you are probably aware, Trafford's libraries closed on Monday 23rd March as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and all staff were deployed, wherever possible, to support other services. As a result of the Government's statement on Tuesday 23rd June, Trafford can confirm that three libraries, **Altrincham, Sale and Urmston, will re-open from Monday 6th July**. The libraries, which have all been thoroughly cleaned, **will initially open from 10am–4pm Monday to Saturday**. They will be offering slightly different services in the first phase of re-opening to maintain the current guidelines around social distancing for the safety of our staff and customers.

Visitors will be able to:

- **return library books borrowed before the libraries closed.**
- **borrow more books by using the new 'Order and Collect' service.**
- **pre-book to use the public computers if you don't have access to computers.**

Altrincham, Sale and Urmston are the largest libraries and have enough space to quarantine all returned books for 72 hours as recommended by Public Health England. Staff will ask visitors to queue outside and then will let people in on a 'one in, one out basis'. Once inside, you will be able to put books you are bringing back on trolleys located in the entrance and/or pick up your new books from a table, also in the entrance.

If you have pre-booked to use the computers, there will be a one way system to follow to ensure social distancing.

More details can be found at www.trafford.gov.uk/libraries

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—Rupert and Anaya

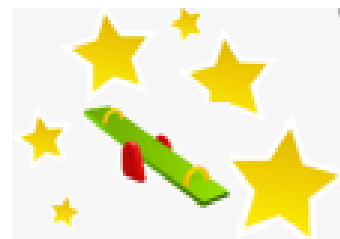
Miss Forlani's class—Alfie and Emma

Mr Brierley's class—Jak and Maisie

Mrs Yeates/Ms Mackinder's class—Ray

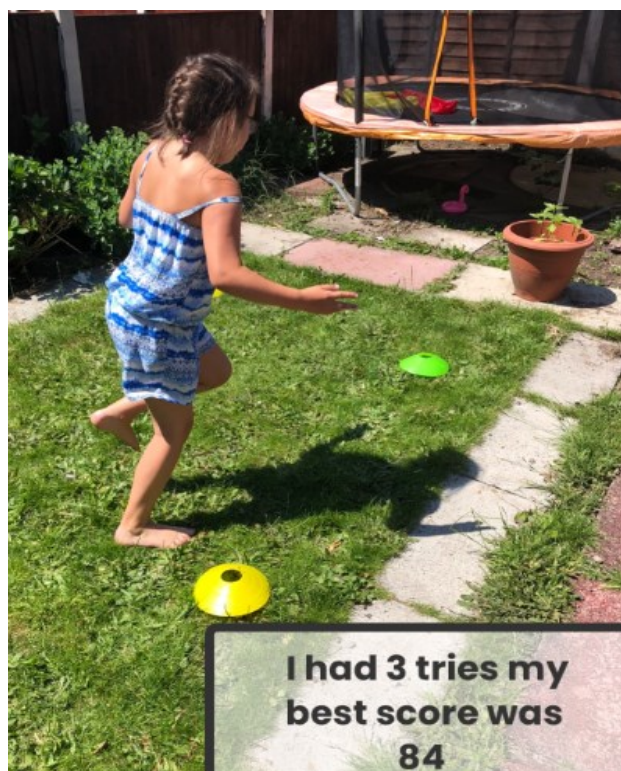
Mrs Kan's class—Amelia B , Theo and Hunter

Mrs Edwards class—Sinead and Awab



National Sports Week

This week it has been National Sports Week and whilst we have not been able to complete all the activities that we would normally do, Mr Williams and all our teachers have been adding sports challenges to Seesaw. We have had some lovely photos uploaded showing sports that our pupils have been involved in. Hunter and Ruby have been very busy during lockdown. They have been completing the sports challenges and the pictures below show some of their activities.



Wednesday 1st July is Trafford's sports day. It would be great to see as many children take part as possible. Our participation will go towards a virtual school games award.

Here is the video link giving you some information about it. Teachers will be adding information about it to Seesaw next week.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4tF9E-VfvWs>