

TOGETHER

THE ACRE HALL NEWSLETTER



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STARS OF THE WEEK

WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR CHILDREN AND HOW HARD THEY ARE WORKING IN THESE STRANGE TIMES—THEY ARE STARS WHETHER THEY ARE IN SCHOOL OR LEARNING FROM HOME !

Nursery —Mrs Jones	Jamie B
Reception — Mrs Moore	Emily B and Mase A
Reception/Y1 —Miss Breslin	Willow C
Year 1 —Miss Forlani	Iain H and Poppy M
Year 2 —Mr Brierley	Harry E and Brooke K
Year 3 — Mrs Kan	Brooke A
Year 4 — Mrs Edwards	Ben S and Ruby C
Year 4/5 — Mr Stevenson	Oliver P and Asa G
Year 5 —Miss Atherton	Adam A and Rahul P
Year 6 —Miss Thake	Liam A
Mrs Griffin/ Mrs Schofield	Milly C and Toby T
Miss Cook	Kai S and James R
Miss Manton	Ishaal S

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is 'Children's Mental Health ' Week and we will be following the theme of 'Express Yourself' as a way of promoting positive mental fitness. There will be activities on Seesaw and in school so that all our children can take part. If you paste the link below in to your browser, you will find various resources and ideas for using at home.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

On Monday next week (1st February) we are asking everyone to 'Dress to Express'. Wear your favourite colours or clothing items to make yourself feel happy. Children in school do not need to wear school uniform.

FSM vouchers

Vouchers from the government's scheme for children entitled to Free School Meals will not be sent to cover the half term period. Instead Trafford will be sending a link to school which we will forward to parents and they will be able to claim vouchers from the Trafford Family Information Service for the half term holiday. This funded from the government's Winter Food scheme.

Half term holiday—school will be closed over the half term holiday and no remote learning will be set. School will close on Friday 12th February and re open on Monday 22nd February for vulnerable children and those of critical workers.

Coronavirus Update

We have had no further Covid cases in school this week.

The latest data for Trafford continues to show a steady decrease in infections. At a public health briefing for schools today, we were told that over 33,000 covid vaccinations have now been given in Trafford.

Trafford rates are the third lowest in the GM area this week. Whilst this is good news, it was noted that the decline in case numbers is much slower than was seen in the November 'lockdown'. We have been asked to pass on thanks to all for abiding by the restrictions. There is still a long way to go but we can be pleased by progress made so far.

Home Learning

Earlier this week the Prime Minister spoke about schools not opening to all pupils directly after the February half term holiday. Instead he gave 8th March as the earliest date that schools may re open to more pupils. We know that this will have worried parents. No one wants schools to be closed any longer than is needed.

We understand the pressures that home learning puts on families and we just want you to know that we have been so impressed by the things you are doing at home. We have pupils who are becoming experts on 'zoom'!

Whilst some pupils will happily take part in zoom calls and complete all tasks set on seesaw, we know that there are children who find remote learning very difficult and become upset seeing their friends on zoom yet knowing they can't play together. Please tell us if this is the case and we can make other arrangements to 'check in' with your child.

Home Learning—Further Resources

Learning at home is not restricted to tasks on computers etc. there are many practical activities which children can complete at home to develop new skills.

This weekend the RSPB are holding their annual 'Big Garden Birdwatch'. Copy and paste the link below in to your browser to access details.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

Internet Safety

We have learnt this week about a chat room app being targeted at children. It is called Omegle and the information we have been given leads us to believe it could be very dangerous for children to use as it allows them to connect in chat rooms with people from all over the world. It is advertised as a way of meeting new pupil whilst keeping to social distancing regulations.

Further details about its very poor safety rating can be found on net-aware.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/omegle/>

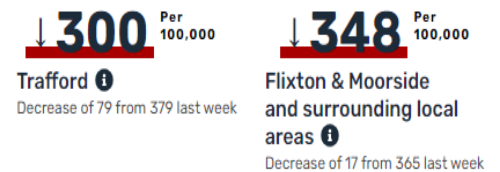
Net-aware is a useful website where parents can find out about apps children might use by simply searching the app name.

Holiday Hampers

At Christmas we created and gave out 15 hampers to Acre Hall families in need of a helping hand. Many parents and staff donated items along to go with the food from The Trussell Trust. We were humbled by the messages and thanks we received. The hampers made a real difference to people. We are investigating whether there is a need for 'holiday hampers' to help anyone who is still having difficulties or whose circumstances have changed recently. The Trussell Trust may be able to provide 'cupboard fillers'. We do not envisage the hampers will be as large as those we created at Christmas but may be useful during this lockdown when children are at home and eating everything in sight! If you have any ideas about what should go in them or would like one, please email Mrs Green—our wellbeing advisor—before Tuesday morning next week. Her email address is

yvonne.green@acrehall.trafford.sch.uk

COVID rate around school



Data last updated on Thursday 28th January 2021

Some highlights from our 'in school' and 'at home' learning this week

SSC 3 😊 @AH_SSC3 · 3h

Harry has wanted to challenge someone to a game of chess for a little while now, so this afternoon, he invited an opponent for a strategic game. We have been learning which way each piece can move. 🌤️ 🗺️ 🏠



Year 3 - Mrs Kan @AHMrsKan · 27 Jan

One of our home learning tasks this week was to create our own model plane out of everyday resources. The children then needed to think about a name and logo for their airline. Here are some of our fantastic models.



Year 1 - Miss Forlani @AHMissForlani · 27 Jan

Can you make a boat that floats?

Yes we can! 🌊 🌞

#junkmodelling #science #predictions #designtechnology #experiment #fun



Reception - Mrs Moore @AHMrsMoore · 2h

For national bird watch week by the #RSPB we have created bird feeders at home over zoom and school. Now we just have to count the birds and enter our results on @Natures_Voice website #learningtogether #learninginnature 🐦 🐣 🐤 🐥



Nursery - Mrs Jones @AHMrsJones · 26 Jan

As part of the 'Big Bird Watch Week' we have been exploring the story of 'Owl Babies', painting with twigs and combing media and materials to make owl masks #usingnaturalobjects #RSPB



SSC2 - Miss Cook @AHMissCook · 3h

We are getting better at our times tables!



"Every child
IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF FLOWER,
AND ALTOGETHER MAKE THIS WORLD
a beautiful garden!"
— ANONYMOUS —