



26th March 2021

STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Star Pupil
Nursery —Mrs Jones and Ms MacKinder	Karson L
Reception — Mrs Moore	Zack D
Reception/Y1 —Miss Breslin	Mason S and Emily E
Year 1 —Miss Forlani	Dylan J
Year 2 —Mr Brierley	Lexie H , Lucas C and Mukhammad Z
Year 3 — Mrs Kan	Koen H
Year 4 — Mrs Edwards	Dhiren S
Year 4/5 — Mr Stevenson	Kealen G
Year 5 —Miss Atherton	Emily C
Year 6 —Miss Thake	Milly S
Mrs Griffin/ Mrs Schofield	Kieran B
Miss Cook	Abi B
Miss Manton	Ishaal S
We would like to give a special mention this week to Hunter S, Oliver A and Oliver P from Mr Stevenson's class for their hard work in helping to keep our school grounds tidy and free from litter.	

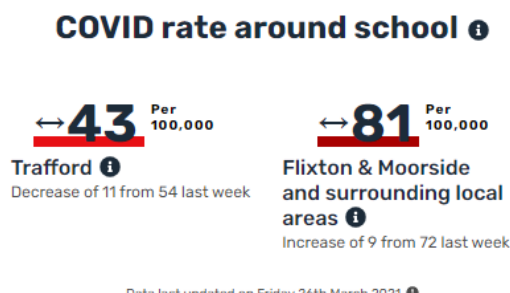


Coronavirus Update

We have had no further Covid cases in school this week. The Trafford rates continue to show a slow decline but we must be aware that the rate in our immediate area is now showing an increase and is significantly higher than the Trafford rate.

Whilst we have not had to make any class closures for some time, this will happen if there is a positive case in school.

Thank you if you have been following the restrictions and helping to keeping our school open.



Isolation Support Payments

This week the DFE have written to schools to explain changes made to isolation support payments so that if parents have to look after their children should class bubbles close then they can make a claim for lost income if they would not otherwise be paid. The guidance can be found by copying the link below in to your internet browser.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-coronavirus-covid-19-operational-guidance#test-and-trace-support-payments>

To be eligible for a Test and Trace Support Payment, you must:

- be on a low income
- be unable to work from home
- be at risk of losing income as a result of self-isolating
- be living in England and meet the eligibility criteria

Holiday Hampers

We know that there are some Acre Hall families who are living in difficult circumstances at present and that a parcel of food and essential items may be gratefully received. There is no rule for who can or can't have them—we rely on you to let us know if you need a bit of help.

We have received some generous support from Sale Sharks Rugby Team and will have hampers ready next Wednesday to give out before the Easter break. If you would like one please email our well being advisor Mrs Green at yvonne.green@acrehall.trafford.sch.uk

Autism Awareness Week

Autism is a lifelong disability which affects how people communicate and interact with the world. There are approximately 700,000 autistic people in the UK, and only 16 per cent of autistic adults are in full-time employment.

Autistic people often need more time to process questions, requests and instructions. They may struggle meeting new people or may struggle to pick up on unwritten rules. Autistic people have many strengths. They have an intense focus and give great attention to detail. They have a considered and reflective approach showing honesty and integrity. They usually have very creative thinking. We will be taking part in some autism awareness activities in school next week.

School holidays

School closes next Thursday—1st April—for the Easter break and re opens on Monday 19th April. The school admin email will be checked once a day for the first 6 days of the holiday to complete contact tracing should anyone need to report that a pupil has covid symptoms or has been in contact with a positive case. Please use the admin email address on the front page of this newsletter if you need to get in touch during that time.

Easter bucket list



The challenges of home schooling as a temporary teacher and supporting your child as a parent has been difficult.

As we look towards the Easter break, prioritising ways you and your family can look after your mental health and taking time out to be only a parent again is so important.

Our Easter bucket list is a great way to spend time doing positive activities with your child, can provide a space to talk through any concerns and bring you closer together.

Here are some bucket list activities ideas you could do together.

☐ Puzzle or jigsaw

☐ Plant something

☐ Look at photos together

☐ Remember together a favourite family memory

☐ Turn recyclable waste into works of art

☐ Learn a recipe together

☐ Family dance-a-thon

☐ Make a gratitude jar or tree

☐ Tree spotting or signs of spring spotting

☐ Write or draw chalk messages or pictures