

# TOGETHER

## THE ACRE HALL NEWSLETTER

13th March 2020

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This week's attendance = 94.62% - whole school . Well done Mrs Mackinder & Mrs Yeates's class 98.81% - highest class attendance

### STARS OF THE WEEK



Well done to Leo in Y1 who managed to get a 'selfie' with United's manager at the Walter Tull Festival event whilst supporting his brother —see Twitter for more details.

Nursery—Miss Dorrian	Isla Rose
Reception— Miss Forlani	Daniel D
Reception— Miss Breslin	Brooke K
Year 1—Mrs Moore	Jaxon C
Year 2—Mr Brierley	Betsy D
Year 3— Ms Mackinder / Mrs Yeates	Georgia W
Year 3/4— Mrs Kan	Kaitlyn A
Year 4— Mr Stevenson	Fareed A
Year 5—Miss Atherton	Amelia C
Year 6—Miss Thake	Tyler W
Year 6—Mrs Edwards	Rosie H
Mrs Griffin/ Mrs Schofield	Toby T
Miss Cook	Cody C
Mr Gillan/Mrs Saxon	Harrison G
Music	KS1— Bella D KS2— Fareed A and Loxy L
PE	KS1— Charlie E KS2— Steven M

Year Group	Attendance		
	No. of Pupils	% Attendance ( school year to date )	
Year 1	34	94.96	↑
Year 2	31	95.19	↑
Year 3	42	94.40	↑
Year 4	48	93.99	↑
Year 5	36	95.01	↓
Year 6	42	94.74	↑
<b>TOTAL (EXC Nursery &amp; Reception)</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>94.66</b>	↑

### Latest Advice Regarding Attendance

Parents will know that good attendance is important to promote good progress at school. We will continue to monitor pupil attendance but understand that in these challenging times there may be occasions when pupils need to home isolate as per government guidance—see next page for more details. We will record instances of this under a different code to ensure it is distinguished from any other absences. Attendance book prizes for this term will be given before the holiday to those children having 96% attendance or above. By using a special code for 'home isolation' absences we will be able to still give a prize to anyone who would have 96% up to the period of home isolation.



Our pupils have really enjoyed watching our eggs become chicks this week - see Twitter for more photos - they have now hatched and are going 'on tour' to visit different classrooms next week.

<b>Monday 16th March</b>	Mrs Green—Well Being Advisor—is on a course so can not do her normal drop in session , however anyone needing any help or support please call in and we will arrange an appointment for you.
<b>Tuesday 17th March</b>	
<b>Wednesday 18th March</b>	Class Assembly—Mrs Griffin/Mrs Schofield's class—please wait by the hall lobby door at 8.55 am to be admitted to the hall.
<b>Thursday 19th March</b>	
<b>Friday 20th March</b>	Inclusion Sports Festival for our KS2 Small Classes at Manor High 10—11.30 am Letters will be sent to participating pupils.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NEXT WEEK IS THE LAST WEEK FOR OUR AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS. THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS THE FINAL WEEK OF TERM ( WEEK BEG 23RD MARCH). NEW SPORTS CLUBS WILL BE ADVERTISED AFTER THE HOLIDAY AND START THE SECOND WEEK OF TERM. AFTER ACRES WILL RUN EACH DAY AS NORMAL.**

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### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) —What you need to know**

#### **Current School Situation**

We have no staff or pupils who have confirmed cases of coronavirus. We have no staff or pupils who have been tested for coronavirus. We have 1 member of staff and several pupils who are home—isolating due to having a cough/high temperature. We do not expect them to be hospitalised and it is entirely possible these are the normal coughs and colds that occur, however to be absolutely safe they have followed current government advice and will stay at home for 7 days.

We have reiterated handwashing techniques and normal hygiene routines with our pupils. We are making sure that they wash/sanitise hands after play and before eating; use tissues then bin them; show affection to their friends by 'elbow bumps' rather than close hugs etc. We are continuing with the normal school cleaning regime as advised by Trafford Cleaning Services however as an extra precaution we are cleaning door handles and taps mid morning and mid afternoon. Wherever possible we are giving children a little more 'personal space' than normal; moving tables to give more room in the dining room and spacing out more in assembly.

We are considering future planned school events—y3/4 play performances and Easter Craft Morning—to see if we need to make any changes or postpone these—we will keep you updated.

We are monitoring the situation and checking latest advice from the government and Public Health England on a daily basis. We are trying our best to keep our pupils safe, calm and well. We are making plans for providing work for children to do at home in event of a closure. On Monday you will receive a paper version of a questionnaire—please complete and return this—it is so that we can make plans to deal with any school closures which we are advised to make. We anticipate that this will only be the case if there are not enough staff to safely run school or on the advice of the government /Public Health England.

#### **This is the latest advice from the government—as at 2pm today**

A coronavirus is a type of virus. As a group, coronaviruses are common across the world. COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus first identified in Wuhan City, China in January 2020. The incubation period of COVID-19 is between 2 and 14 days. This means that if a person remains well 14 days after contact with someone with confirmed coronavirus, it is unlikely that they have been infected. The following symptoms may develop in the 14 days after exposure to someone who has COVID-19 infection: cough; difficulty in breathing; fever.

Generally, these infections can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long-term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease. There is no evidence that children are more affected than other age groups – very few cases have been reported in children.

#### **How COVID-19 is spread**

From what we know about other coronaviruses, spread of COVID-19 is most likely to happen when there is close contact (within 2 metres) with an infected person. It is likely that the risk increases the longer someone has close contact with an infected person. Droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes (termed respiratory secretions) containing the virus are most likely to be the most important means of transmission. There are 2 routes by which people could become infected: secretions can be directly transferred into the mouths or noses of people who are nearby (within 2 metres) or could be inhaled into the lungs: it is also possible that someone may become infected by touching a surface or object that has been contaminated with respiratory secretions and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes (such as touching a door knob or shaking hands then touching own face). There is currently no good evidence that people who do not have symptoms are infectious to others.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus. There are general principles anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including: washing your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport: covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin. See [Catch it, Bin it, Kill it](#): people who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or childcare setting.

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## **Coronavirus (COVID-19) —What you need to know—ctd from previous page**

### **What you need to do**

- **Make sure that we have your most up to date contact details in case we need to inform you of a school closure or call you if your child becomes unwell.**
- **Complete the information on the paper version of our questionnaire—this will be sent home on Monday—so that we can help prepare for any necessary school closures.**
- **Do all the usual things that you do to keep your child fit and well ; make sure they bring a water bottle to school every day to keep hydrated; make sure your child gets enough sleep and exercise to keep as fit as possible; send a few paper tissues with your child each day so that they can easily catch any coughs or sneezes; remind your child about handwashing procedures.**
- **Telephone us if your child shows the following symptoms; new continuous cough and/or high temperature.**
- **Keep your child away from school and in your home for 7 days if you feel they have the above symptoms.**
- **Contact <https://111.nhs.uk/> if you have any other concerns. Current advice is to use the internet rather than the telephone to do this, however if you have no internet access, call them on 111.**
- **Make all the usual preparations that are advised by the government if you have to home isolate for 7 days—supply of food, over the counter medicines etc .**
- **Try to keep as calm as possible—we will try to keep everything as normal as possible at school.**
- **Let us know if you have a specific concern or worry.**