

# TOGETHER

## THE ACRE HALL NEWSLETTER

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Phone: 0161 748 4356 - our school office is manned from 8.30am to 3.30 pm—Mon to Friday—during this closure period.

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

Friday 24th April 2020

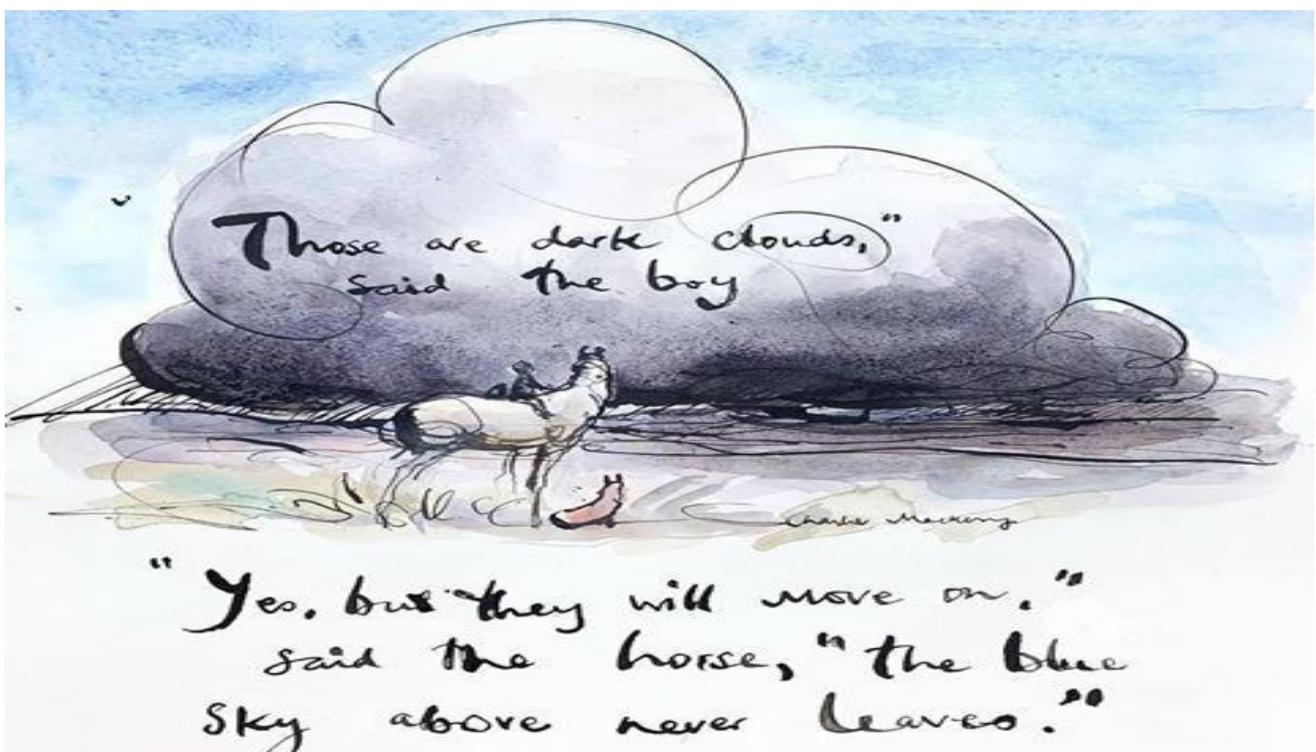
### Home Learning

We have now set up 'See Saw' for all our pupils as a way of accessing resources and ideas for some activities at home. You should have received an email from your child's class teacher via the Teacher2Parent messaging system ( the same system we send newsletters from) giving codes and log in details. See Saw can be used on any internet device—mobile phone, tablet or laptop. We have chosen it because we feel that it is safe, easy to use and allows children to keep in touch with their class teacher. Class teachers will upload activities each week and may also add extra tasks if your child wishes to do more. Class teachers will also try to make phone contact with each child every week. They will send a text message , again from the Teacher2Parents system, to tell you when they are likely to phone.

We understand that this is a stressful time for everyone. Our teachers are also finding it tricky to be completing home learning with their own children and keeping up with their class as well.

Parents are doing a marvellous job with home learning ; we can see that from the photos and work that is being sent back via See Saw. Please do not put pressure on yourselves to try to complete a normal school day. If your child can do a bit of PE, a bit of reading , a bit of maths, a bit of writing and some practical 'life skill' activities ( cooking, gardening , den making , tidying up etc) we will be delighted.

Use this opportunity to spend time with your child. Your child will reap the benefits of it. He /she needs your reassurance and time to just be with you. When school starts back , and we hope that will happen as soon as it is safe to do so, we will go over parts of the curriculum that have been missed ; leave that to us. Your mental health and that of your child/ren is the most important thing to nurture now. This time will pass and you and your children will be able to see every one again.



### **Nursery fees and Parent Pay**

There will be no nursery fees , school meal fees or breakfast club fees charged to accounts whilst school is closed and your child is not attending. We would be grateful if any outstanding fees prior to Friday 20th March ( this is the date that school closed) could be paid as soon as possible .

### **Free School Meals**

Vouchers for supermarkets have now been sent out via email to all whose children are currently eligible for FSM. These will last until the end of April. This eligibility is based on income and receipt of certain benefits and is different to the Universal Infant Free School Meals that children from Reception to the end of year 2 receive when school is open. Parents can apply for FSM at any time by accessing the Trafford Website—link below.

<https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/trafford-catering/free-school-meals.aspx>

Currently the government are not providing funds for parents to access vouchers for Universal Infant Free School Meals—if this changes we will let you know. You are of course able to apply to Trafford to see if you are eligible for FSM even if your child currently just gets the Universal Infant Free School Meals—if you are eligible we will be told and can send you vouchers for FSM.

For FSM vouchers, we allocate them for the supermarket closest to your home however if you would prefer us to send vouchers for a different supermarket ( Aldi have now also joined the scheme) please let us know as soon as possible and we will organise this for the next vouchers.

### **Updated Government Guidance**

The government have updated their guidance for parents during school closures. Please follow the link below for further details

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/>

### **Kindness**

The British Red Cross have produced some resources to promote kindness to others at this time. They can be accessed via the link below.

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/kindness-resource-list>

### **Keeping your child safe on line.**

New games and apps seem to be evolving at an alarming rate and it is hard for parents to know the safety issues associated with them.

Net Aware gives an easy to use rating for games and apps and allows parents to make an informed choice about what they feel is suitable for their child.

Follow the link below to access this

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

The NSPCC website also has lots of good information about how parents can talk to their children about staying safe online. Follow the link below for details.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>