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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.

Friday 15th May 2020

Update

Following the Government's recent announcement regarding plans to re-open some schools, we would like to update you as to where Acre Hall is up to with this development.

Firstly we would like to thank everyone – parents and children – for being so cheerful when we telephone to see how everyone is. It is clearly a very difficult time and one which no one could have expected to happen. We would also like to thank families for their kind words when asking how staff are and also for the efforts made to engage with on line learning. All our 'Acre Hall Families' deserve praise and admiration for the way they have coped during such a difficult time.

The Government has begun to turn its attention to how we all emerge from the controls and restrictions on society as a whole and we must proceed with our next steps with caution. At Acre Hall we would like nothing more than for 'normality' to return, and to have all our children and staff back in school. However, the COVID-19 virus is still active and it still poses a threat to safety, and we have to be mindful of this fact.

Our school has been open through the lockdown period for a small number of pupils specified by the Government, and any increase in the number of pupils in the near future will be done gradually and carefully. I am sure you will be understanding of this, and you will be patient as this process unfolds. Safety of pupils and staff, and of all their families, is our primary consideration.

The Government has now published more detailed guidelines to school about their expectations and plans. See link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-primary-schools>

There are many things for us to consider as we put together our plans to fulfil their wishes, particularly around the practical implications of social distancing (which the majority of our pupils may find difficult to comply with/not understand/find upsetting), the provision of personal care in a safe way, and the staff capacity available to us at this time to be able to increase pupil numbers safely.

The overriding message is that if and when we feel it is safe for our pupils to return it will not be normal school but a very different version. This follows the pattern of other countries who have already re opened primary schools.

The following are a few of the actions included in the government guidance;

- Staggered start and finish times to alleviate too many persons on site at any one time
- Parents/children requested not to stand together in the playground but instead line up a distance apart at the school gate
- Children taught in small 'bubble' groups and kept in those groups all day – they would not be able to mix with friends from a different group
- To keep groups small some children in the class would be taught by their usual class teacher whilst others are taught by different teachers in school (the only way to avoid this would be part time attendance)

We will update you further as our plans to gradually re-open become more concrete. In the meantime, please continue to keep yourselves as safe and as healthy as possible.

Whit Holiday project

It would be our normal Whit holiday for 2 weeks from next Friday (22nd May). School will be completely closed the first week (including the bank holiday Monday) then open with a reduced number of ‘emergency child care places’ for vulnerable and Key Worker children for the second week. Places can be organised for children at local authority hubs—based at different schools—for the first week of the holiday if needed. Please contact school if you would like us to arrange this. All pupils who have been accessing emergency childcare places will be given a letter next week advising of places available.

During the Whit holiday period staff will not be responding to or setting new online learning tasks , however there will be a whole school art project set. Details to follow in next week’s newsletter.

Domestic Abuse Support

Lockdown has seen an increase in victims calling the emergency services for immediate help with domestic abuse or seeking help from support agencies

Domestic abuse takes place in some homes in all communities across the country and it affects both women and men from all walks of life.

If you are a victim of domestic abuse, a child living in a home where domestic abuse takes place, a family member, friend or neighbour who is worried about someone then below are some places and websites of support agencies that can help. They will listen to you, explain the different types of abuse and give you advice and practical support. They can also help you make a Safety Plan.

In an emergency press 999 and if you are not alone dial 55 **AFTER** you have pressed 999 and the Emergency Services will know you can’t speak.

Victims of domestic abuse, women or men, can go to any **Boots or Superdrug** store and ask for help. There you will receive respite in a safe place and have access to a number of support agencies you can contact. Domestic abuse charity Hestia have also launched an app you can download to your phone called **Bright Sky**.

National Domestic Violence Helpline

<https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/>

[Helpline 0808 2000 247](tel:08082000247)

Trafford Domestic Abuse Services – tdas

<https://www.tdas.org.uk/>

[Call 07534 066 029](tel:07534066029)

ManKind Initiative - Helping men escape Domestic Abuse

<https://www.mankind.org.uk/>

[Call 01823 334244](tel:01823334244)

Women’s Aid

www.womensaid.org.uk/

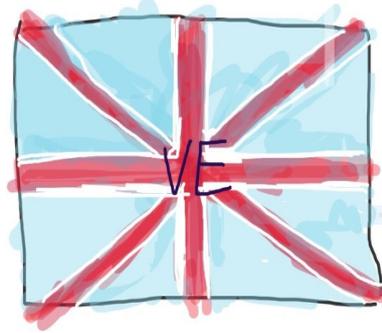
The Hideout – Support for children living with Domestic Abuse in their home.

<http://www.thehideout.org.uk/>

More fabulous examples of online learning from some of our pupils.



Alfie on VE day!



Amelia W created a VE day flag.



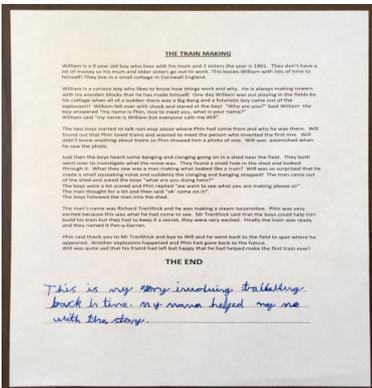
Noah completed a 10K bike ride to raise money for making PPE. He raised £325!



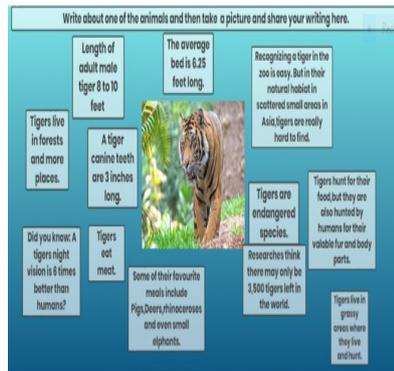
Aantoni and Alfie have been completing science experiments about mixing and dissolving.



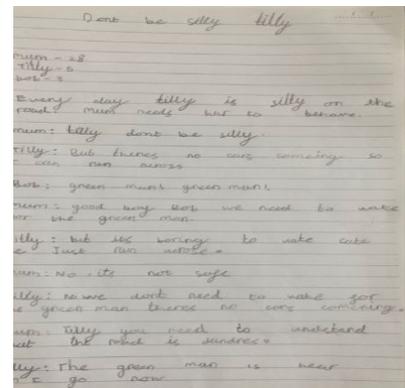
Amelia made an instrument out of recyclable materials.



Phin wrote a great story about travelling back in time.



Ellie went on a virtual field trip to San Diego Zoo and wrote about the animals.



Ruby C has written a play script.

Classroom objects - Objetos de clase



Ruby F completed a Spanish wordsearch.



Miss Forlani's class have been learning about 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and have learnt about the life cycle of the caterpillar, kept a food diary and lots of other varied tasks.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Trafford Sunrise Parent Workshops June 2020

- Are you a parent based in the Trafford area with a child aged 5-12 years?
- Would you like some advice, information, and resources to support your child?
- Do you want to meet other parents facing similar issues?



Our parent workshops aim to help you to support your child regarding anxiety, bullying, behavioural problems and other emotional health and wellbeing topics.

No booking required! Join our Zoom Webinars for Free!

You need to be a Trafford Resident to participate in this webinar.

Anxiety

Tuesday 9th June, 10 am – 11:30 am

Zoom Meeting ID: 740 907 3128

<https://zoom.us/j/7409073128>

Behavioural Difficulties

Thursday 12 June, 10:30 am – 12:00 am

Zoom Meeting ID: 740 907 3128

<https://zoom.us/j/7409073128>

Social Media & Online Safety

Tuesday 23rd June, 10 am – 11:30 am

Zoom Meeting ID: 740 907 3128

<https://zoom.us/j/7409073128>

You can also see our event details and updates on Facebook and Twitter

Next week is 'Mental Health Awareness' week. Staff will be adding some 'kindness calendar' resources to on line learning but here is one to be starting with.



Daily Kind Acts



Tell someone how much you love them. Help make dinner. Feed the birds.

Leave a happy note somewhere for someone to find. Teach someone something new.

Give someone a hug to show how much you care. Smile at everybody.

Make a get-well card for someone. Tidy your bedroom without being asked.

Give someone a compliment. Write a list of things you are grateful for.

Make someone else's bed (as well as your own). Pick up some litter.



Tell someone three things you love about them. Do something nice for a neighbour.

Drink lots of water. It's much easier to be kind when you feel healthy and energetic.

Write and send a letter to someone. Complain less (or not at all)!

Leave something on the doorstep for a next-door neighbour. Make a positivity poster.

Remember to say please and thank you. Use less energy to be kind to our planet.

Draw a picture for a friend, neighbour or family member.

Tell a joke, watch a silly video or do something that makes you and others laugh!

Recycle paper. Try to be as inventive and creative as you can with it!

Share something you love with a friend or family member.

Say good morning and goodnight to everyone in your household.

Hide little messages around the house for others to find.

Offer to help a family member with something.

Practice self-kindness by doing something you enjoy.

