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THE ACRE HALL NEWSLETTER



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Congratulations to Emily C who has been awarded a special 'Helping the Environment' Blue Peter Badge for making some bird feeders from recycled materials.

Emily's birdfeeders were completed as a 'lockdown' projects earlier in the summer.

Well done Emily—we are sure the birds in your garden are enjoying them!

STARS OF THE WEEK

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| Nursery —Mrs Jones | Mrs Jones's class will join our celebration assembly next week. |
| Reception — Mrs Moore | Zack D |
| Reception/Y1 —Miss Breslin | Naia Mae G |
| Year 1 —Miss Forlani | Poppy M |
| Year 2 —Mr Brierley | Despoina and Sofia Mc |
| Year 3 — Mrs Kan | Bella D |
| Year 4 — Mrs Edwards | Alfie D |
| Year 4/5 — Mr Stevenson | Neveah A |
| Year 5 —Miss Atherton | Abhay K and Matthew L |
| Year 6 —Miss Thake | Savannah I |
| Mrs Griffin/ Mrs Schofield | Grace |
| Miss Cook | Chase K |
| Miss Manton | Harrison G |

Important Information

INFLUENZA NASAL VACCINATION — Please ensure that we have your completed permission forms if you would like your child to be given the nasal flu vaccine. Next Friday is the last day that these can be received at school to allow for papers to be 'quarantined' before they are collected by Intrahealth the following week.

OCTOBER ADDITIONAL INSET DAY— School will close on Thursday 22nd October for the half term holiday. This is one day earlier than on our original school calendar. Schools have been permitted to include an extra training day (school is closed for pupils on Friday 23rd October but staff will be attending) to address training which was delayed at the start of the school year due to extra training around control measures for Covid-19. During the October training day staff will focus on the new Relationships Education Policy which all schools are required to teach children. Further details regarding parental consultations about the new policy will follow at a later date.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER— We have arranged for the school photographer to attend on Tuesday 3rd November to take photographs of individual pupils and sibling groups for those who are already in school. Unfortunately it will not be possible to allow babies and toddlers from the family to also attend. A proof of the photographs will be sent home and copies that are ordered will be returned before Christmas.

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Well Being support, advice or a 'listening ear'

Mrs Green is able to hold individual Zoom 'Well Being Drop In' calls with any parents who may require some support or would just like 'a listening ear'. Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a call. You do not have to say what it is about.

Seesaw for families

Last week in our newsletter we explained about children continuing to use the Seesaw system for homework. It is important that everyone engages with this—you can access it through any internet enabled device ; mobile phone, laptop, tablet etc If we were to have to close school or individual classes, should there be a case of coronavirus, we would use Seesaw to send work to children.

We are aware that parents have less opportunity now , due to social distancing and Covid-19 restrictions, to chat to teachers and ask questions. With this in mind we have now opened up the Seesaw system to allow parents to send messages directly to their child's class teacher. This might be for asking if a lost jumper has been found; asking about a piece of work your child has been struggling with etc. Parents should think of this as a digital 'classroom door'.

Please note that the following protocols apply at all times;

- Messages must be non urgent
- Any urgent messages should be phoned in or sent via email to our admin@acrehall.trafford.sch.uk—this is checked at least twice a day
- Teachers have been instructed not to respond to messages sent during the evenings or weekends—you may send messages then but be aware they will not be responded to until the next working day
- Teachers will endeavour to check the system for messages on a daily basis
- Please do use the system when needed but bear in mind that there may be 30 + children in the class so teachers may get a number of messages each day

Barnardo's 'See, Hear, Respond' service—see information below which has been provided to schools.



See, Hear, Respond

Rapid support for children and young people affected by the coronavirus crisis

See Hear Respond is a partnership to help children, young people and families cope with the Covid-19 crisis.

About See, Hear, Respond

The See, Hear, Respond Partnership is a new service funded by the Department for Education. With your help, the See, Hear, Respond Partnership will quickly identify and support children, young people and families who are struggling to cope with the impacts of coronavirus.

You can access via the 'See, Hear, Respond' service on Freephone 0800 151 7015.

Virtual Open Days

We advise any parents wishing to visit high schools to check with individual school websites for information. The flyer below has been received from Flixton Girls but we are aware that most secondary schools are operating in a similar manner.

JOIN OUR

VIRTUAL OPEN DAY

from 9:00am
Thursday 24th September 2020

Simply visit www.flixtongirls.com
to take part

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Covid –19 and school closures

We would like to reassure parents that we are taking all possible precautions to avoid a case of COVID-19 in school. All DFE guidance is being followed regarding hygiene and control measures. At the time of writing this newsletter there have been no cases of COVID– 19 in staff or pupils at school. We would contact parents to inform them as soon as possible if there were to be a positive case. As the disease is circulating in the community, it may be just a matter of time (despite everyone’s best efforts) before this occurs. At school we have excellent support from the Trafford Public Health . On being informed of a positive case we would contact them—we have access to out of hours numbers—and they would complete a risk assessment with us to identify possible transmission routes. This would be done over the phone so that the necessary steps are quickly agreed and can be communicated to parents.

If you feel you or your child has symptoms of coronavirus and decide to have a test , please contact school as soon as possible so that we can advise you of the appropriate actions.

There is a good article on the BBC website which gives information about the differences between coughs, colds, flu and coronavirus. It can be accessed via the following web page;

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-54145299>

As always if you are at all worried, please seek medical advice from NHS 111