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THE ACRE HALL NEWSLETTER



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STARS OF THE WEEK

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Nursery —Mrs Jones	Nancy O
Reception — Mrs Moore	Kamala U
Reception/Y1 —Miss Breslin	Romeo R
Year 1 —Miss Forlani	Savannah C
Year 2 —Mr Brierley	Dua I and Leo A
Year 3 — Mrs Kan	Sophia M
Year 4 — Mrs Edwards	Amelia B
Year 4/5 — Mr Stevenson	Erin W
Year 5 —Miss Atherton	Loxy L
Year 6 —Miss Thake	Yasmine H
Mrs Griffin/ Mrs Schofield	Grace S
Miss Cook	Cody C
Miss Manton	Ishaal S
PE Stars	EYFS & KS1—Willow C KS2—Lucy T & Tallulah S
Music Stars	EYFS & KS1—Aoife S & Elijah W KS2—Oliver W

EVOLVE MEAL ORDERING SYSTEM FOR CHILDREN HAVING SCHOOL DINNERS

A few weeks ago we asked parents who pay for their child's school dinners not to add any monies to Parent Pay to cover meals after the half term holiday. We can confirm that the 'Evolve School Meals Ordering System' is set up and all payments for school meals taken after the half term holiday will be done via this system. Please read the details about the new system on the next page of this newsletter. A letter containing details of how to order school meals will be sent home with your child early next week. We will send a text message out on the day that the letter goes home so that you can check your child's bag to find it. Meals will need to be ordered for all children who are currently having school meals whether parents pay or are entitled to free school meals.

SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS—FRIAY 23rd OCTOBER

Schools were allowed an additional training day this school year to brief staff about covid safety measures etc. At the start of September we had 2 training days and time had (prior to covid) been allocated to review the school curriculum and new policies around the Relationships curriculum. Rather than add the extra day at the start of term giving 3 INSET days and only 1 day of school that week, we decided to complete the covid training at the start of term and add the extra INSET day just prior to the half term holiday. Staff will complete the curriculum and new policy work on that day. We had hoped that an earlier half term finish for our pupils might allow more travel flexibility for families who did not manage to go away on holiday during the summer.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS—TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

Photographs of pupils with school siblings (or individual if no siblings in school) will be taken on Tuesday 3rd November. Due to covid restrictions we will not be able to invite younger siblings, who are not yet pupils at our school, to attend for the photographs. We know this is not ideal but we can not have accompanying parents inside school at present. Pupils will stand to have their photo taken but this will appear on the photograph as a 'head shot' and look similar to usual school photos. Covid secure measures will be taken during the process. To avoid envelopes etc coming between home and school, the eldest in the family will come home with a proof of the photograph along with details of how to pay and order online.

Coronavirus Update

At the time of writing this newsletter we can confirm we have had no positive covid-19 cases in our staff or our pupils. However there are positive cases within the families of some of our pupils. This has meant a number of our pupils are off school and having to self isolate. We would like to thank everyone for adhering to our covid safety measures as this is undoubtedly helping to keep cases out of school and keep school open.

It is very important that if anyone in the household has symptoms of coronavirus he/she books a test immediately.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

The person with symptoms AND everyone who lives in the house isolates from that time—you should not wait until a positive test result is given before isolating. If the person was positive and carried on normal duties—attending work/school etc in between taking a test and the result coming in—then many people could become infected. If there were to be a positive case amongst pupils or staff in school then we would have to close classes or possibly even the whole school.

The prevalence of Covid-19 in our local community has increased again this week. The latest public health information we have been given from Trafford shows between 2nd and 8th October there were a further 766 cases of Covid-19 confirmed in Trafford. This raises the rate of infections per 100,000 people to 322.7. In the week ending October 10th, 17-21 year olds still have significantly higher incidence rates when compared to other all other ages; with infection rates lowest in primary school pupils.

EVOLVE meal ordering system for school dinners

Next week we will be sending out details about how to choose school dinner options for your child if he/she has school meals. The information gives you a unique code for your child and you will need to log in to a website to set up the process to order your child's choice of meal. Any dietary requirements/allergies will already be added to your child's account and only food which is suitable will be shown as choices for your child.

Parents will need to log in to the site once a week, before 9pm on Sunday evenings, and select what their child will have for school lunches that week. The kitchen will then click on the child's name and serve the lunch which has been ordered. If no lunch has been ordered then the 'default' lunch of a jacket potato will be given. The system will allow parents to know what their child will eat during the day and also take immediate payments for any pupils who have to pay for their dinners. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals (you will have applied to Trafford for these) or receives Universal Infant Free School Meals (for all reception, year 1 and year 2 pupils and paid for by the government), then you will not have to pay when you order meals. Children who currently bring a packed lunch from home will not have to log in to the system unless they wish to change to school meals. Parents will need to contact the school office if they wish to change to or from school dinners. Staff will be around school at the start and end of the day on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week to help anyone order meals or set up the system for their child.

Head lice

We have been informed recently about a case of head lice in school. This is a common condition and needs to be treated promptly. Please copy and paste the link below for further information.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Nursery - Mrs Jones @AHMrsJones · 3h

On our welly walk last week we found two caterpillars. We took them into the classroom and made them a new home! We have since found out that they're going to turn into moths not butterflies [#caringforanimals](#) [#qualitylearningexperiences](#)



Year 4/5 - Mr Stevenson @AHMrStevenson · 2h

We have enjoyed looking at [#thelostwords](#) this week. Our class display board is now finished and we couldn't be more proud of our work.



Year 1 - Miss Forlani @AHMissForlani · 14 Oct

Lucy asked me to write some labels for her and then showed me the wonderful independent maths she was doing. She could then explain to other children what she had done so they could have a go themselves. Definitely a future teacher 🧐 [#maths](#) [#teacher](#)



Reception - Mrs Moore @AHMrsMoore · 14 Oct

The first few weeks in **Reception** have been amazing! We have had a clear focus on children's wellbeing and have spent this time really getting to know each other, exploring our environment and most importantly having fun.



Reception/Year 1 - Miss Breslin @AHMissBreslin · 7h

Our class display is now up, showcasing the children's beautiful art work all around 'The lost words'. Ivy is no longer in the dictionary so we wanted to bring the word back to life 🌿🌿🌿🌿 [@AcreHall](#) [@DunhamTrust](#) [@Artsmarkaward](#) [@ArtsAward](#)



Year 2 - Mr Brierley @AHMrBrierley · 15 Oct

The start of our latest display - 'Kingfisher'. More sensational work to follow!



Year 5 - Miss Atherton @AHMissAtherton · 14 Oct

Year 5 have been learning about the moon. We know the moon is not a source of light, so we see different parts of the moon depending on where it is on its orbit of Earth as it reflects the light from the sun. These are called the moon phases. We made models from Oreos!



Year 3 - Mrs Kan @AHMrsKan · 14 Oct

Yr 3 have been busy this afternoon creating our own cave paintings. Look out for our finished products.



Mental Health and Wellbeing Trafford Sunrise Parent Workshops Oct 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.

Join our Zoom Workshops for Free! Pre-registration is required.

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

Parental Separation & Divorce

Tuesday 20th October
10:00 am to 11:30 am

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArceyhqzMvHdNpms84EIDFkPtUb8g1SEEt>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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



Fun & entertaining sessions for unpaid carers in Trafford

As carers in you all have your own lived experience of what it is like to be a carer in Trafford, from the emotions you feel to the challenges you face and we want to creatively help you to express those experiences in a fun, entertaining and engaging way.

From Tuesday 3rd November, Trafford Carers Centre will be working with MancSpirit (the charity behind the #ourTrafford Festival taking place online from 23rd-30th October), to deliver these sessions and ensure that everyone has fun taking part.

During these last few difficult months and with many more weeks of coping with the pandemic and all it throws at us this is a great opportunity to take some time out from those issues and socialise with other carers with similar experiences.

Through taking part we hope to support your own mental wellbeing while you support Trafford Carers Centre to improve carer services in Trafford.

Sessions will run twice a week on Tuesdays (evenings from 7:30 - 8:30) and Thursdays (afternoons from 12:30)

To register your place or to find out more email OurTrafford@mancspirit.com

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