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THE ACRE HALL NEWSLETTER



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STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery—Mrs Jones	Eva B
Reception— Mrs Moore	Mase A
Reception/Y1—Miss Breslin	Leo A Frankie C
Year 1—Miss Forlani	Jamieson G Ava T
Year 2—Mr Brierley	Jaxon W Archie L
Year 3— Mrs Kan	Jarel P
Year 4— Mrs Edwards	Alyssia K
Year 4/5— Mr Stevenson	Esmee Jo W
Year 5—Miss Atherton	Celina G
Year 6—Miss Thake	Graeme H
Mrs Griffin/ Mrs Schofield	Charlie R
Miss Cook	James R
Miss Manton	Olivia Alex W
PE Stars	Callum—Y1 Neveah - Y4/5
Music Stars—special mention for year 6—for excellent concentration and application of musical knowledge in their lesson this week.	Callum and Ella Rose—Y1 Abhay and Elsa—y5

SCHOOL TIES

Children may wear 'summer uniform' until the October half term holiday if they wish to do so. Winter school uniform should be worn after that. Please see the uniform section of our school website for further details.

<https://www.acrehall.trafford.sch.uk/for-parents/school-uniform/>

Several parents have asked if we have any school ties for sale. We do not hold uniform items in stock but will arrange a tie order to be sent to school so that postage charges do not have to be paid by parents. Prices are as follows:

Elasticated £4.75 Clip on £5.75 45" Standard £5.75

Please phone or email the school office with your order and then we can add the item to your Parent Pay account.

The last day for ordering is Friday 9th October. Amounts will be added to your account after that date. We will endeavour to have delivery before the half term holiday.

SEN CAFÉ

Mrs Green will be running an SEN Café via zoom for any parents with children in school who have EHC plans on Friday 9th October at 10am. Please contact school if you would like us to send you a link so that you can join the session.

PARKING

As there is a staggered start and end to the school day to avoid too many people on the school grounds, we are rather surprised that we are already beginning to see parking issues. This morning, despite many polite requests in previous newsletters not to park on the curbs or grassed areas near school, we have seen this happening again. We hope that parents can understand the dangers of blocking the view of pedestrians and other motorists. It is especially important that paths are kept clear as our school one way system, designed to keep everyone safe, relies on particular paths being used. If this disregard for the safety of others continues we will be taking photographs and reporting vehicles to the police. This is not what we would want to do; we are doing all we can to keep our Acre Hall families safe but we need co-operation from everyone. Thank you if you abide by all the rules—you are doing your part in keeping everyone safe.

Coronavirus Update

School has now been open a month and everyone is working extremely hard to keep school safe for our pupils and staff. 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 we are now seeing positive cases within the families of our pupils. This has meant a number of our pupils are off school and having to self isolate. The prevalence of Covid-19 in our local community has increased significantly over recent weeks.

We will contact parents if there is a positive case in school. Despite everyone's best efforts, it may be only a matter of time before this happens. A positive case would mean a short closure for a key stage or the whole school until direct and close contacts of the case can be established. It is hoped that only class bubbles or smaller numbers of children would have to self isolate for the full 2 weeks.

There is a new web service that allows parents to check how many covid cases there are in the local community around schools ; copy and paste the link below if you wish to use this. You have to put in the name of the school and it will show details.

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

The data today shows our local area as having an increase of 26 cases over the last week.

Whilst this is sobering news, please be assured that we are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe.

With this in mind we ask that from Monday next week , 5th October, all parents (and anyone else over 12 years old) wear a face covering whilst in school grounds. This means when you enter our gates to drop off or pick up your child/ren, or even visit our school office, you should wear a face covering. You should also follow the social distancing and local lockdown restrictions as per GM area guidance.

Follow the website link below for further details if you are unsure of the latest guidance ;

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/greater-manchester-local-restrictions>

What you need to do if someone in your family/someone you have had direct/close contact with tests positive for covid—19—see definitions below for what direct and close contact mean—please note that the public health definition of PPE is a fluid resistant surgical mask applied as per NHS guidance— cloth masks and visors do provide protection but are not as classed as PPE.

1. Stay at home—you will need to do this for 14 days—no one in the household should go out in public—you are allowed to be outside in your own garden. You must stay at home for the full 2 weeks even if you have no symptoms—you may have been exposed to the virus.
2. Let us know at school—you can phone us during the school day or email out of school hours. The school email is checked regularly and we will contact you as soon as we can. We will add work for your child to our Seesaw system so that they do not miss out on class tasks.
3. If you or anyone in your household goes on to develop symptoms, you should book a test and then let school know

What you need to do if someone in your family/household develops symptoms

The whole family must stay at home and the person with symptoms should book a test. Please ring us at school to let us know about this and then contact us again once the test result is known. We will give you advice based on the result of the test.

Public Health Definition of Direct and Close Contact is below:

Direct contact without PPE:

- being coughed on, or
- having a face-to-face conversation within 1 metre, or
- having unprotected skin-to-skin physical contact, or
- travel in a small vehicle with the case, or
- any contact within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer without face-to-face contact

Close contact without PPE:

- Extended close contact (between 1 and 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with a case

And now for some good news Look at all the lovely things our pupils have been doing this week!

Reception/Year 1 - Miss Breslin and The Dunham Trust liked
SSC 1 - Mrs G and Mrs S @AHMrsGandMrsS · 2h
 Can you guess the Fairy Tale? We have been very busy in our creative area.
 @AcreHall @AHMissBreslin



Reception/Year 1 - Miss Breslin @AHMissBreslin · 20h
 We love to investigate number in the environment:
 "Let's make the biggest tower"
 "Let's put more on top"
 T- Can you count the bricks?
 The girls counted the bricks together. T supported counting 1:1 accurately. @AcreHall @DunhamTrust



Nursery - Mrs Jones @AHMrsJones · 17m
 Fridays are for sensory, messy play! We have loved playing with Orbeez and Cheerios this morning #finemotordevelopment #exploringtextures #languagedevelopment



Year 1 - Miss Forlani @AHMissForlani · 30 Sep
 Making crowns and bracelets, independent writing, independent maths and making clothes for the dolls are just a few of the things that we got up to today in Year 1! #smile #continuousprovision #proud #busy



SSC2 - Miss Cook @AHMissCook · 21h
 We enjoyed our walk to Duttons Pond this morning. We were looking for signs of autumn and identifying the names of plants and animals that grow our local environment. 🍂🍁🌿🐛



Year 6 - Miss Thake @AHMissThake · 29 Sep
 Year six each contributed a piece of the rainbow to create a collaborative piece. 🌈



Year 2 - Mr Brierley @AHMrBrierley · 29 Sep
 Year 2 are now firing on all cylinders. It's full steam ahead!



Year 4/5 - Mr Stevenson @AHMrStevenson · 28 Sep
 Planning our own version of Mama Panya's Pancakes In English. #creativewriting



And now Even more good news..

Trust Merger

We sent out a letter, via email, to all parents this week. The letter explained that our Trust, The Dunham Trust, is planning to merge with Bright Futures Educational Trust (also known as BFET).

You can find out more about BFET at www.bfet.co.uk

BFET is similar in size to the Dunham Trust . The Dunham Trust has 5 schools ; 4 Primary (Acre Hall, Elmridge, Lime Tree and Barton Clough) and 1 Primary Special School (The Orchards).

BFET has 6 schools ; 2 High Schools (Altrincham Grammar School for Girls, Cedar Mount Academy) ; 1 Special High School (Melland High School) ; 3 Primary (Stanley Grove, Marton and Rushbrook)

The significant benefits of merging with a larger MAT mean that the proposal is the right “next step” for the continued growth, development and success of both Trusts.

Both Trusts share similar educational visions and already have closely aligned values.

We do not yet know when the merger will take place but it is likely this will be early next year.

Acre Hall staff took part in a zoom call at this week’s staff meeting with John Stephens, CEO of Bright Futures Educational Trust. John talked about how excited he was that such great schools will be in the same Trust. He explained to staff his philosophy around how important music and the arts are to children along with their learning in core subjects. He stressed the importance of community in schools and how families have such an important part in their children’s education. The following day John Sent a tweet about us.



John Wm Stephens FCCT
@john_stephens67



Great to meet the wonderful staff @AcreHall today and talk about exciting future plans @DunhamTrust @BrightFuturesET #BFETpassion

If you have any specific questions at this time, please email admin@thedunhamtrust.org.uk and put ‘potential merger’ in the subject title.

A reply will come to you within five working days. Our Trust intends to update parents on a regular basis, and be open and transparent about the process . They will provide further information as they have it and are able to share it.

We hope that you see the benefits of the proposed merger and are able to support this decision.

We thank you for your support at this moment in time.