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THE ACRE HALL NEWSLETTER



27th November 2020

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery—Mrs Jones	Archie S
Reception— Mrs Moore	Ethan F
Reception/Y1—Miss Breslin	Mason S and Isaac B
Year 1—Miss Forlani	Ethan J
Year 2—Mr Brierley	Lydia M and Adam A
Year 3— Mrs Kan	Felicity B
Year 4— Mrs Edwards	Aslaan M
Year 4/5— Mr Stevenson	Oliver P and Oliver A
Year 5—Miss Atherton	Dahlia S and Georgia D
Year 6—Miss Thake	Jenna Q
Mrs Griffin/ Mrs Schofield	Kellan O
Miss Cook	Cody C
Miss Manton	Alfie B
PE Stars	All of Miss Thake's class.
Music Stars	SSC 3 - Alex and Y2—Lucas A

SCHOOL MEALS

Thank you to all of those parents who have logged on to the system and ordered their child's choice of school meal. If parents do not log on to make an order, the only meal available will be a jacket potato and beans with fruit as dessert. This is because there are no allergens in it and so it is safe to be served to all. The children will get the same everyday until parents log on and make an order. We have found that when this happens some children are upset as they don't wish to eat this every day. If you have any difficulty logging on or ordering meals you must contact the school office so that they can give you contact details of how to request log ins etc.

Please ensure that meals are chosen by 9pm each Sunday evening for the following week. If you do not do this your child will get a meal but they will not have a choice—it will be jacket potato and beans.

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY—WEDNESDAY 16th DECEMBER

Pupils will have their current dining arrangements (those who usually eat in classrooms will continue to do so) but children who usually bring a packed lunch from home may have a school Christmas dinner on that day as long as they set up an account on the Evolve meal ordering system the week before and pay (if not entitled to FSM) and order the meal by 9pm on Sunday 13th December.

In order to set this up, if your child does not already have school meals you will need to contact the school office by Friday 4th December at the latest so that they can help you set up the system. There will be Christmas Crackers for all children – packed lunches and school meals.

HEALTH INFORMATION

Please check your child's hair regularly as we have had a case of head lice reported recently. We have also had a case of threadworms reported to us. Both can be common childhood ailments. Treatment advice can be found at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

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

Coronavirus Update

At the time of writing this newsletter we have had no further cases of Covid-19 in pupils or staff at school, however we have a number of pupils isolating due to a case in their household.

There is further positive news regarding infection rates across Trafford and also in the immediate area around school. The Schools Covid Map gives the figures below.



Data last updated on Wednesday 25th November 2020

The reducing figures demonstrate how careful those in our community have been in order to minimise contacts etc. This has not been easy but we can hopefully look to better times ahead.

With the Christmas holidays, and the easing of lockdown restrictions, approaching we respectfully ask parents to consider any relevant quarantine requirements if travelling abroad during that time. Children can not be in school until the full quarantine period has concluded. Information regarding quarantine regulations can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

A Listening Ear ...

Mrs Green, our Well Being Adviser, is available for telephone support or zoom calls if you need any help accessing support services, have any worries or just need a listening ear.

Please contact the school office and request a call from Mrs Green. You do not need to say what it is about. Mrs Green will get back in touch with you as soon as she can.

Christmas Arrangements

At Acre Hall we have always looked forward to all the events that take place in school; our Christmas Craft Morning has been so well attended by parents over the years; the Christmas performances and Carol concerts have been wonderful and we have enjoyed talking to families at our Christmas Fairs. Everyone understands that Christmas celebrations will have to be different this year. But we are hoping that we can still bring some Christmas joy to our pupils and their families.

Christmas trees and decorations will go up in school next week. We will hold Christmas parties in school for each 'bubble' with games and prizes as usual and we will send each child home with a small gift. The children will still have a Christmas dinner in school with crackers for everyone! Please see notes on the front of this newsletter for how to arrange a school meal if your child normally brings a packed lunch from home, but would like a Christmas dinner instead.

We can not hold performances but we have organised a 'Christmas Zoom' for each class. Pupils will show the Christmas Crafts they have made and wish everyone at home a Merry Christmas. The list of all these events will be sent out with this newsletter. Zoom codes will be sent out with next week's newsletter.

Our usual Christmas Fairs raise a significant amount of money for school funds. We use such funds to subsidise our Christmas activities. This year we will not be able to hold our Fair. Instead we are asking each child to bring £2 in to school on Friday 4th December to help us fund our Christmas activities. We understand that many families are having difficulties at the moment. If families could send £2 per child that would be very helpful but please only send what you can afford. We will send home a plain un-named envelope with each child on Thursday evening for you to put any money in, then please return it to school with your child on Friday. All the envelopes will go in one big box. No one will know how much anyone has sent.

The coronavirus pandemic has caused hardships for many people. Business closures etc have meant that lots of families are having to cut back on spending. There can not be many of us who haven't had harder times at some point in our lives. The adverts below are from agencies who have been recommended to us. Please check all details before travelling to collect items.



Sticky Wicket
Supplies
@stickywicketsupplies

The group operate from Flixton Cricket and Sports Club, Lawrence Road, Flixton, M41 8UU.

Facebook advert as follows;

We will be here to help people in need with food and personal hygiene items. Please come down, we will help if we can.

Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday, 1.30 until 3.15 pm.

We are able to deliver in some circumstances so please get in touch.

<https://www.facebook.com/stickywicketsupplies/>



It's really easy to sign up to TBBT...

Step 1 - Send us a text to **07984356407** with your full name, your postcode and the name of your hub (St Monica's) and we will get in touch.



Step 2 - Select the size of order you want to receive. A typical family order would be £7.50, an individual would be £4. An extra large family would be £15.



Step 3 - We'll send you a text every Wednesday to see if you want an order. All you have to do is reply "YES" to the text by 10:00 Thursday and we'll deliver your order to St Monica's Church car park on Friday at 13:30.



Step 4 - Collect your goods from St Monica's Church car park, Woodsend Road South, Flixton, Urmston, M41 6QB.

A typical order is three shopping bags, one of fridge goods, one of cupboard goods and one full of fruit and veg, this costs £7.50. The goods will change

depending on what is available on the day. Remember that the bags vary from day to day so some weeks the savings will be greater than others. However, you will always be paying much less than in the shops. Very occasionally, if food donations that day are low, we will not have enough for the 3 bags. In this case, we will lower the price. We want you to feel we are making a difference to your weekly food bills.

Drop us a line and try it out. There is no commitment, if you want an order just reply to the weekly text you receive on the day you get it.



TBBT will be delivering Friday's and pick up time will be 13:30-14:00. Starting 12th June. We will be serving from St Monica's church car park.

Your first order will be free of charge, so try us out at no cost to you.