

# TOGETHER

## THE ACRE HALL NEWSLETTER



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### STARS OF THE WEEK

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Nursery</b> —Mrs Jones         | Robyn C   |
| <b>Reception</b> — Mrs Moore      | Leia B  |
| <b>Reception/Y1</b> —Miss Breslin | Isobel M and Emily E  |
| <b>Year 1</b> —Miss Forlani       | Maisie F  |
| <b>Year 2</b> —Mr Brierley        | Logan H   |
| <b>Year 3</b> — Mrs Kan           | Betsy O   |
| <b>Year 4</b> — Mrs Edwards       | Amiko DC  |
| <b>Year 4/5</b> — Mr Stevenson    | Arthur P  |
| <b>Year 5</b> —Miss Atherton      | The Whole Class   |
| <b>Year 6</b> —Miss Thake         | Alexander T   |
| <b>Mrs Griffin/ Mrs Schofield</b> | Milly C   |
| <b>Miss Cook</b>                  | Tyler W   |
| <b>Miss Manton</b>                | Tallulah S  |
| <b>PE Stars</b>                   | Y5 Henry B and Y2 Kieran B  |
| <b>Music Stars</b>                | Y1 Emily E and Y5- Noah TH and a special mention to Y6 for a fabulous lesson. |

### 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. School staff can no longer choose meals on your behalf for your child.

**Please ensure that meals are chosen by 9pm each Sunday evening for the following week.**

### CHILDREN IN NEED DAY

Next Friday ( 13th November) is 'Children In Need' day and pupils are welcome to wear non uniform for a small donation ( please choose your own amount depending on what you can afford).

### PARENTS EVENING .—Week Beg 16th November

A letter has been sent out , with pupils, to explain that we will be offering telephone appointments in place of a face to face appointment because of coronavirus restrictions. Please indicate on the slip the best times for us to call you. **It is really helpful if you could tick as many slots as possible to give teachers the most flexibility. Please be ready to accept a call at any time on the slots you have indicated. Teachers will do their best to make calls when you have asked for them but this may not always be possible.**

### IMPORTANT DATES

We usually create a document for the complete school year however many of the events we plan would not be possible under current restrictions, therefore we will produce an 'Important Dates' document for the each term. The Autumn term one will be emailed out as soon as possible.

## Coronavirus Update

During the half term holiday we were informed of a further case of Covid 19 in our year 5 class. We had to ask everyone—pupils and staff—who had been in that class, to isolate. This is never good news to hear but especially during a holiday. We wish to thank parents for their co-operation in this matter. We are pleased that Miss Atherton's class is back in school now.

Recent information shared from Trafford Public Health indicates that rates in Trafford are falling slightly. For the week 25- 31 Oct it has reduced from 440.7 to 387.2 cases per 100,000 people – now the lowest in GM area. ( Oldham is the highest at 735.9; Stockport LA often compared with Trafford as similar size etc – now at 440). Trafford LA has the 37th highest rate nationally. Increases seen lately in West area ( inc Urmston and Davyhulme) but North of the borough and also Hale are consistently high rates.

Figures for 12th – 18th Oct show that the 20-29 age group has highest rates. Care homes/nursing homes are now seeing a rising number of incidents. It appears that every school in Trafford has now had at least 1 case.

We know that everyone is doing all they can to stop the spread of coronavirus. As the winter goes on, it is likely there will be more cases in school and we have to ask more classes to isolate. Information letters will be sent via email and we will, from now on, also send a text message to alert parents to check emails.

As more families deal with Covid 19 we are finding that some of our staff are not able to fulfil their roles either through isolating themselves, if one of their children has the virus, or indeed looking after their children if they are isolating from school/nursery and no other childcare is available. We are doing our very best to cover all classes and school services e.g. Breakfast Club. Please be aware that if we do have to temporarily close classes or such it will be because that is the very last resort. We really hope that it does not happen. If it does we will try to give parents as much notice as possible.

This week the government revised its guidance for schools. The full details can be found by copy and pasting the link below.

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020?utm\\_source=4%20November%202020%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020?utm_source=4%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

## Internet Safety

As the dark evenings and new lockdown restrictions take effect, it may be that your child is spending more time using the internet. The internet is a wonderful resource and can impart such knowledge to children but can also be a great danger to them. We tend to think that being safe and warm in their bedrooms means we don't need to worry about our children however if they have unmonitored internet access in there, it can be one of the most dangerous places to be!

Net Aware has some really good advice for parents and an easy to use safety tool which shows parents the dangers posed by different apps/websites. Tik Tok is one used by many children to upload song and dance videos etc. With proper parental guidance and oversight this can be very entertaining. Problems can occur when children post videos of themselves without parents knowing. They may post something which is completely inappropriate and can be seen by all users. There is a facility called 'Family Pairing' which allows parents to monitor uploaded content etc



### TikTok

TikTok is a social media platform that lets you create, share and discover 60 second videos. You can use music and effects to enhance your videos and you can also browse other people's videos and interact with them.



The following websites give some useful guidance

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

This is run jointly by O2 and NSPCC and has lots of really useful information

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

More displays from 'The Lost Words' - we are so proud of the fabulous work completed by all of our pupils!

Ms Griffin and Mrs Schofield's class chose the word conkers. They created collages and wrote descriptions of conkers.

They are now collecting conkers to add to the display.



Miss Cook's class display shows their work about stoats. They learnt about stoats and their habitats. They also produced some painted pictures of them.

Mrs Kan's class chose the word 'Raven' and learnt all about ravens at the Tower of London.





Miss Breslin's class chose the word 'Ivy' and made clay casts and observational drawings.

Mrs Moore's class also chose the word 'Conker' and recorded ideas from their discussions and nature walks.



Miss Manton's class chose the word 'Kingfisher' and used a variety of skills to create artwork and written work about kingfishers.

## Mental Health and Wellbeing

Nov 2020 Parent Workshop (for parents with children aged 10 -16)



- Are you a parent based in the Trafford area with children aged 10 -16 years?
- Would you like guidance, information and resources on parenting?
- Would you like to meet parents in similar situations and share ideas?

Our parent workshops (for parents with children aged 10 -16) aim to help you support your child when they are transitioning into young adults. Let's talk about Depression and Low mood, Anxiety, Behavioural Difficulties, Online Well-being and Managing Transitions.

**Pre-registration is required for this workshop. Join us Online via Zoom. You need to be a Trafford resident to attend the online workshop.**

### Behavioural Difficulties

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
10:00 am to 11:30 am

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArdO2tqD0oE9KLV\\_sZjxQ\\_9-q5cJleCW0L](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJArdO2tqD0oE9KLV_sZjxQ_9-q5cJleCW0L)

*Please register early as there are limited spaces*

### Managing Change

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
2:00pm to 3:30pm

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlpc-CrpjktHt0KJHHAKBE-tYyPRX-0eGLv](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJlpc-CrpjktHt0KJHHAKBE-tYyPRX-0eGLv)

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### Communicating with Teenagers

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUocuCrqjlsE9xUxDeYHy8NwAh08T0s7kls](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJUocuCrqjlsE9xUxDeYHy8NwAh08T0s7kls)

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### Anxiety

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

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[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwpduyoqzwqGt253gq4EFjt3GTBiUFu8GPP](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJwpduyoqzwqGt253gq4EFjt3GTBiUFu8GPP)

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