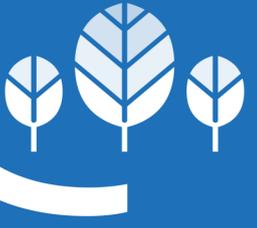


TOGETHER

THE ACRE HALL NEWSLETTER



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STARS OF THE WEEK

WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR CHILDREN AND HOW HARD THEY ARE WORKING IN THESE STRANGE TIMES—THEY ARE STARS WHETHER THEY ARE IN SCHOOL OR LEARNING FROM HOME !

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| Nursery —Mrs Jones | Robyn C and Archie S |
| Reception — Mrs Moore | Ethan F and Grace D |
| Reception/Y1 —Miss Breslin | Isabel M |
| Year 1 —Miss Forlani | Olivia S |
| Year 2 —Mr Brierley | Leo A and Sofia M |
| Year 3 — Mrs Kan | Lucy T |
| Year 4 — Mrs Edwards | Mollyanne W and Phin H-S |
| Year 4/5 — Mr Stevenson | Oliver A and Kaitlyn A |
| Year 5 —Miss Atherton | Joe S and Georgia D |
| Year 6 —Miss Thake | Alfie R and Aiden R |
| Mrs Griffin/ Mrs Schofield | Kieran B and Kellan O |
| Miss Cook | Chase K |
| Miss Manton | Gabby G |

Important Information

FSM vouchers

Vouchers from the government's scheme for children entitled to Free School Meals have been sent out to all eligible families where children are not attending school. Please check 'junk mail' folders if you have not received them and contact us if there are any problems. Any children who are entitled to Free School Meals and have been attending school but have been asked to isolate as a result of a positive case, will get their vouchers soon. They have been ordered and we will send them out via email as soon as possible. This is to cover the isolation period when they would normally access a school meal.

School Meals

We would always wish to provide a hot meal option for all the children in school. We have had issues recently with water leaking in to our school kitchen near where the hot meals are prepared and served. Despite our best efforts it is proving difficult to rectify the leak. We have had to prepare slightly different meals from the usual menu to keep staff out of the affected area. We have a mobile heated server trolley which is proving useful!

We will ask the children each day what they would like and hope to get back to the normal process of ordering meals on a Sunday for the week.

Coronavirus Update

We have had 2 further Covid cases in school this week. We are maintaining all the control measures and isolation guidance to respond to them. At a recent public health briefing schools were told that the new more transmissible variant has been identified in Trafford. Whilst rates appear to be stabilising there is concern about how people who have no symptoms (or prior to symptoms developing) can spread the virus. Social distancing, good hand hygiene and mask wearing are essential to contain spread of the

virus along with the national requirements regarding no household mixing.

Support bubbles are only allowed between 2 households and for very specific reasons. The full guidance can be found by copying and pasting the link below in to your internet browser;

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-support-bubble-with-another-household>



Many workplaces are now taking part in regular Lateral Flow device testing for employees in order to identify pre symptomatic or asymptomatic cases in order to reduce the spread of the virus. This system is being made available to all staff at Acre Hall over the next few weeks and will become an important aspect of our Covid response. Staff will be given home tests to be done twice a week with any positive results being checked by a PCR test. Please be aware that this could result in 'bubble' closures. We would hope to give as much notice as possible to parents if a class has to close.

Home Learning—Further Resources

Whilst schools are closed CBBC are running educational programmes every morning from 9 am to 12 noon. A daily programme showing timings and content can be found by copying and pasting the link below in to your internet browser.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/guide/cbbc>

These are not intended to replace the tasks and activities set by schools but to supplement them.

The Oak National Academy have now set up an online library for children to access books. This week's selection feature the works of Jacqueline Wilson.

<https://library.thenational.academy/>

Our 5 top tips to survive home learning

1. Structure your day—whilst it may be incredibly tempting to get up mid morning (and there might be an occasional day that you do this), keeping to usual bedtimes and getting up times will help structure each weekday.
2. Include time for more informal learning—whilst we are setting some tasks each day, we can not provide activities to last the whole day. Use your skills to teach your child less formal learning e.g. how to bake, how to cook dinner, how to build things outside
3. Be realistic and don't reinvent the wheel—if you are trying to work from home alongside managing home learning you are working on a complex juggling act! If you can, balance times when you supervise your child to do their tasks set by school with less intense tasks e.g allowing them to watch a natural history programme—e.g The Blue Planet from David Attenborough
4. Stay Active—Building time into your day for exercise is important for the whole family and will help with motivation, productivity and general physical and mental health. Joe Wicks' popular live 'PE With Joe' sessions on YouTube are a great way to start the day ! It may also help to get out in the garden or for your daily permitted exercise session at lunchtime so that you're building in break times for fresh air and exercise. The weather is cold so wrap up warm and enjoy the feeling of 'warming up' when you get home.
5. Enjoy it! - Our final tip is to make the most of this opportunity to learn with your children. Although we naturally focus on the challenges of home schooling, the current situation also gives us time with our children that we would never have had during 'normal' life. Taking an active interest in what your child is studying and bringing subjects to life for them can help inspire a lifelong love of learning and help you feel closer to them.

Online Safety

Parents can access a list of links and resources to support online safety by copying and pasting the web address below in to their internet browser

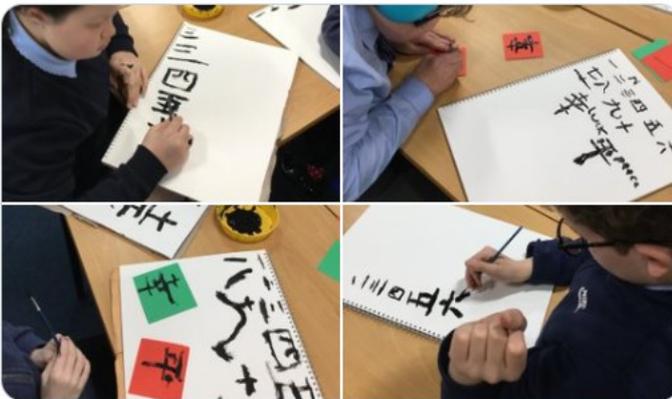
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

We ask that parents ensure their children are supervised at all times during zoom sessions and whilst completing online learning. We take all precautions we can to ensure the safety and suitability of resources etc sent to your child

Some highlights from our 'in school' and 'at home' learning over the last few weeks

SSC 3 😊 @AH_SSC3 · 18 Jan

As part of our topic on China, we have been learning the numbers to 10 in Mandarin and practising our Chinese calligraphy skills. We even had a go at writing 'luck' and 'peace'. 🇨🇳🇨🇳🇨🇳



SSC 1 - Mrs G and Mrs S @AHMrsGandMrsS · 12 Jan

👁️ We made parachutes this morning, we measured the pieces of string to the correct size and fixed them to the parachute using tape. We took them outside to throw them high in the air. We were very pleased with all of the parachutes, we think Mrs Williams had a little bit too much fun



Year 3 - Mrs Kan @AHMrsKan · 13 Jan

Pe session today for those children in school. Great session with Marcus Rashford on cbbc I player. #MarcusRashford



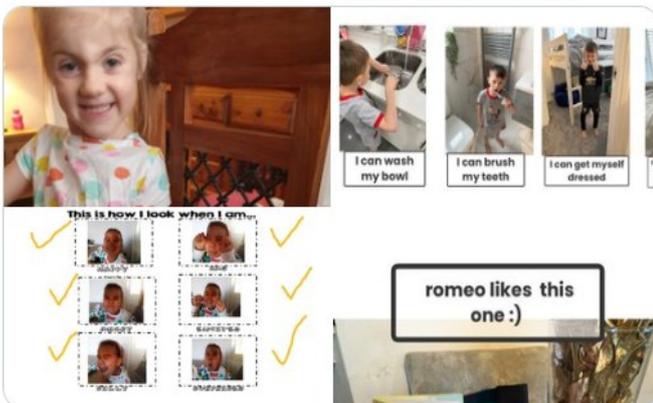
👁️ Reception/Year 1 - Miss Breslin @AHMissBreslin · 19 Jan

The pirates have landed in Reception/Year 1 🏴‍☠️ "Ahoey there matey!" 🏴‍☠️ @AcreHall @DunhamTrust



Reception/Year 1 - Miss Breslin @AHMissBreslin · 15 Jan

👁️ Fantastic home learning this week Reception/Year 1. Keep it up 🌟🌟🌟 I am so impressed ... well done everyone. @AcreHall @DunhamTrust



Year 5 - Miss Atherton @AHMissAtherton · 13 Jan

👁️ Year 5 have been learning about climate change this afternoon. Some great posters have been produced!

