

Keeping in Touch – 26th June 2020

Dear all,

I hope that you have all had a good week, and your families are keeping safe and well. After the rain last week, we have had soaring temperatures this week – we really are being tested!

Despite the world being far from normal and plans for next week hard to make let alone ones for next year, people's thoughts are turning to September. So I thought it would be a good time to remind you that Katy Tovey-Bowes very kindly operates an informal second hand uniform sale for the school. She has stock that you can buy for a small donation to FOKS, and she is also happy to accept any out-grown items that you no longer need. If you would like any more information please get in touch with Katy at katymorgan0811@gmail.com Many thanks to Katy for organising this for us.

I mentioned last week that the Acorn Education Trust are starting an appeal to raise money that can be accessed by families within their schools who have been adversely affected by Covid-19 to help children be ready to return to school in September. On the following pages is more information about this appeal, including ideas of things you could do to raise money and how to get involved. If you do choose to do something at home by yourself or with family or friends, please do let us know we would love to share your stories and pictures and I know Acorn will as well.

We are still awaiting the next round of Government guidance concerning what they will be asking of schools in September. Many stories and ideas and rumours are currently abounding in the media... It would seem at the moment that the most likely outcome (although that could have changed between the time of my writing this and the letter being sent out!) will be that we are asked to operate the school on a similar model and timetable to the one we are following at the moment, but we will be allowed to increase group sizes to encompass whole classes. This would mean that every child could be in school every day, and teaching and learning could re-start properly. As soon as I know and am able to plan accordingly, I will let you know. Please remember that we are waiting on this before confirming when our TD Days will be next year and what induction programme we will be offering for our new YR children, amongst many other important things. I am hugely grateful for your patience and understanding with all of this uncertainty.

All of us in school are very much looking forward to welcoming so many more children back next week. We know that time in school is very limited for some year groups, and we are very sorry that we are not able to offer more. But hopefully a few days with their friends and doing some different activities will provide a real boost for everyone's wellbeing. I certainly know that the staff feel that sharing the children's joy and excitement on their return is a priceless gift.

Best wishes,
Lindsey Hermon



The Acorn Appeal

Acorn Education Trust is committed to the wellbeing and support of all of our pupils and their families.

We want to help those within our community, who are facing unprecedented challenges due to COVID-19, by providing support in purchasing school uniform and supplies for pupils.

We are asking for you to help us raise money to support these families, ensuring that all our pupils return to school in Autumn feeling valued, cared for and that they belong.

£3

could buy a fully stocked pencil case

£11

could buy a Primary School Jumper

£35

could buy a school blazer

In a world where so much is changing, your contribution can make a huge difference to a young person in your community.

To learn more and support our cause, please visit:
www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/acornappeal

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Fundraising Thought Starters

There are loads of ways you can help raise money to support young people in our community. Whether you're getting creative in the kitchen, hosting virtual hang-outs with friends and family online or getting fit with Joe Wicks workouts at home, we have loads of ideas for you to get started!



The Climb

Climb the equivalent number of flights of stairs as a well-known mountain. This can be a personal or a group challenge, to make it more competitive, and it's a great way to improve your fitness and raise money for your local community.

Virtual Quiz



Put together five rounds and invite people to take part on Zoom or Skype with an entry donation to go to The Acorn Appeal. Rounds could include a scavenger hunt, guess the baby photo or a music round!



Movie Night

Using Netflix's Party feature host a movie night for you and your friends. Everyone can log in from their sofas at home and donate the cost of a cinema ticket/ snacks via the Just Giving Page.

Virtual Cooking Class



Are you a bit of a Master Chef or the Star Baker of your group? Why not host a virtual cooking class where your friends/ family can join, for a donation, and learn how to make your signature dish!

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Online Tea and Coffee Morning

Why not host a virtual tea and coffee morning and donate the price of your daily coffee to The Acorn Appeal? It's a great way to catch up and do some good for your community.

Donate your Lunch or Commute Money



Whilst a lot of us are still working from home why not donate what you would've spent on your lunch or commute to The Acorn Appeal.



Taskmaster Competition

Assign silly tasks with family, friends and colleagues to complete within 24 hours and share the entries for everyone to vote for their favourites. Donate £5 for 5 days' worth of tasks.

Chose Your Challenge



Will you do 100 jumping jacks or skip every day for a month? Pick your activity and ask friends and family to sponsor you to keep it up!



Green Fingers Sweepstake

Plant some seeds and get your friends to vote for which one they think will grow the fastest! You can share regular update photos with the winner receiving the plant as a prize!

We'd love to see and hear about your fundraising! Share photos and updates with your school or on Twitter and tag @AcornEducationTrust.

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