



Bursley Academy Newsletter

EASTER NEWSLETTER 2020



Message from the Principal

As we come to the end of the second week of lockdown, I would like to say just how proud I am of our school community; watching everyone pull together and demonstrating to our little ones how we can overcome whatever life throws at us when we work together. I have to admit that it is very strange coming into the building without the buzz of over three hundred children. I know that the staff are missing their 'normal' days with the children but I hope that you are enjoying seeing the amazing things your child is capable of while you are home schooling (even if it is a very challenging time for everyone). I've really enjoyed looking at the activities and anecdotes parents have been posting on the Bursley Facebook page of their home-schooling experience.

We are now entering the Easter holiday period and a new, creative, set of challenges will be available on the website for all children. We have a whole school challenge in place to help lift the spirits of our community (see information on the next page) and I would love for as many people as possible to join in, even if it's on a very small scale. I know that lots of you placed rainbows in your windows to show your appreciation for our wonderful NHS workers and brighten up the community.

Keep an eye on the school website and Facebook page for things you can use to support you with your child's learning and mental health and remember; teachers continue to be available by email throughout the holiday so, if you have any enquires or need support in any way, please do not hesitate in contacting them. New work for the children will be available every few weeks under the 'Work from home' tab on our Website.

I hope you manage to have a good Easter and thank you for your resilience and determination to do your best at this difficult time. Stay safe

Mr Wilkinson

Support and surviving Self Isolation

The situation that we find ourselves in is not only unsettling but, for many, frightening. Social distancing and self-isolation can be really hard to deal with. It's normal to feel anxious, frustrated or bored, and if you're worried about the effect it will have on your mental health, you are not alone.

Accompanying this newsletter is a document with tips for looking after your wellbeing during quarantine.



STAY SAFE ON LINE



There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

- [Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- [Internet matters](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Parent info](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Net-aware](#) (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)



Bursley Academy Easter Challenge

Whole School Activity

This Easter we have decided to challenge the whole school to create something to brighten up everybody's day.

We would like you to make a scarecrow to display in the front of your house (please ensure you follow the social distancing rules!)



This can be big or small, 2D or 3D. We would like the keyworkers, having to leave their houses to do their jobs, to be able to spot them and help raise a smile.

You can use any materials you can lay your hands on - the more inventive you can be the better. You could even re-use your world book day costumes!

We would love to see your creations - so please send us a picture of you and your scarecrow to the following email addresses:

Nursery and Reception - EYFS@bursley.staffs.sch.uk

Year 1, 1/2, 2 - KS1@bursley.staffs.sch.uk

Year 3 and 4 - y34@bursley.staffs.sch.uk

Year 5 and 6 - y56@bursley.staffs.sch.uk

We will then upload them to our website and social media platforms for all to see (please include an adult's permission, if the photo contains a picture of you / your family).

Happy crafting and have a fantastic, yet unusual, Easter!