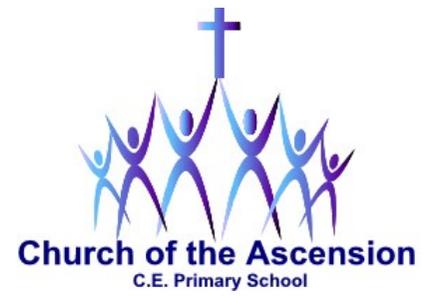


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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

This has been one of the strangest weeks I can ever recall in more than thirty years of working in schools. It began with us beginning to make plans for holding our Easter assemblies in school because the church was no longer available and has ended with us closing for an unspecified length of time. All information regarding the school's approach can be found on the website in the **SCHOOL CLOSURE** tab. This includes the activities that we will be suggesting that the children do whilst they are at home.

The school will be open as a childcare setting for designated children and you should have received a link to the letter on the website instructing you how to request a place. Please only use this facility if you have no other options available to your family as we are experiencing huge demand for this. Please stay safe out there and I look forward to the day that we can welcome our Church of the Ascension family back together again. SH

MENUS

For children of critical workers who are in school for childcare next week there will only be ham and cheese grab bags available.



These should be ordered via Eduspot as normal.

MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

As you are probably already aware, the Mother's Day service that was scheduled to be held at the Church of the Ascension on Sunday was cancelled.

We would like to thank the church for the gift of the flowers that would have been given out at the service. They have been planted around the school are looking beautiful!

TWITTER

Please follow the school Twitter account:

@ChurAscen1

To see what children are doing during the school closure. Spread some positivity!

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Please look at the school website

www.chur-ascen.dudley.sch.uk

and look at the 'School Closure' tab.

We will put a copy of all letters sent home there and any other information you will need during the school closure.

If you need to contact the school please email via info@chur-ascen.dudley.sch.uk and we will respond as quickly as we can.

DUDLEY PERFORMING ARTS

Dudley Performing Arts are working on ways that they can help with music tuition during the period of school closure. Plans will be shared next week and will be published on their website and social media channels.

Check www.dudley.gov.uk/dpa after Monday next week and follow @dudleyperformingarts (facebook) or @arts_dudley (twitter) for updates. Please make sure instruments are not left in school.

March 27 – The Big Play

Please encourage children to experience the Big Play on Friday 27th. This is an online celebration of music making in schools and includes nearly 40 short films made in Dudley – you might even be on one! The 'One Minute of Music' films showing music in their classrooms will be shared on YouTube, Twitter and Facebook on Friday 27th March.

You could do the following:
Subscribe to the Big Month of Music [YouTube Channel](#)

Follow @WestMidlandsMu1 on [Twitter](#) and like on [Facebook](#)

When our school's film is profiled: watch it with your child, share it, comment on it, spread the musical joy!

There are 150 other films: you could encourage your child to watch some of the other films of children making music in the region

March 31st – The Big Sing

On Tuesday 31st children will be able to take part in interactive

singing sessions and watch a virtual concert filmed by schools who would have taken part in a big concert at Symphony Hall this week. This will be broadcast on YouTube and will let thousands of you sing along in your homes. Again, follow the social media links

above to get more information as the day approaches.

MOTHER'S DAY SALE

Thank you to everyone who supported our Mother's Day sale. We hope you all enjoyed your lovely gifts and a big thank you to the H.S.A for organising this wonderful event.

CRITICAL WORKERS

The school is CLOSED indefinitely and is only open to provide a childcare facility for the children of defined key/critical workers and ONLY if they are unable to find any other alternative childcare options (including other parent/family member/friend)

Families using this facility have been asked to complete a registration form.

The information provided to us will be considered carefully, particularly if places become limited due to staff illness or the need to isolate. Please help us to give the places to the children of key/critical workers who have no other child care options.
