



Newsletter Friday 1st May

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

As we come to the end of the sixth week of lockdown, I hope that this newsletter finds everyone safe and well. We are currently trying to call all of our families to see how things are and it was most amusing to be dropped into a Y3 girls' Facetime call this week! They didn't expect to hear their head teacher checking up on them! If we are unable to get through we are leaving messages on answering machines, but please do not hesitate to call school or drop an email to the info@chur-ascen.dudley.sch.uk address and someone will try to get back to you.

As I write, we do not know when schools will reopen so please try to keep up with the routines that I know many of you have established. Ideally, we would like the children to do some maths and some reading each morning - up to you for how long - and a go at some of the other activities in the afternoon. The priority here is to keep the children interested and occupied with something useful and fun so that they are ready to go again when life starts to return to normal. Please don't agonise over this advice if you're finding it difficult to get your child to engage, the priority is to ensure that everyone stays safe and healthy. However, please feel free to use my name as an "encouragement" if you feel that you need to get your child to up their game a little. We love to see what has been done at home and I have given two virtual head teacher's awards so far, to be redeemed when the children are back!

Finally, can I thank you for the many kind words of support that we have had from our families. We are all in this situation together and we all want to give our children the best we can do, but thank you for saying "thank you" it's most appreciated. I know that the Facebook video from the staff brought a few tears to people's eyes, but also that the videos that the children have done have also moved the staff a great deal. Thank you to everyone in the school community, children, parents, staff and governors for helping to confirm my belief that we have a wonderful place for our children to be in.

Stay safe.

UPDATE FROM MR. BRADLEY

Another week, another collection of amazing emails and tweets! There has been lots of photos and videos that have made me smile...obviously the pupil videos were wonderful, but also I really enjoyed Lily and Mia's keyboard playing, Ptolemy's Tower Bridge, Emily's poem, Lego cities, especially Joseph's and Luke's, Noah's amazing selection of structures, William's neighbours car on google earth, Jaxon's swirly paint, Lily's dog and dinosaur house, Talking to James on the phone, Olivia's (and Dad's?) climbing frame in the garden, Teddy and Gladys doing maths, Alex's paddling pool lego bridge, Indiana Jones and the Gingerbread Mountain of Doom, all of the maths challenges...the list goes on and on, I'm sorry if I didn't mention everyone! Please keep sending in your entries, photos and stories - it really does help me, and everyone else, get through!



MUSIC TUITION

We know some of you have already enrolled for online music lessons but if you haven't yet and need further information, please follow the link below from Dudley Performing Arts:-

Students who have individual or small group lessons with Dudley Performing Arts can have online lessons at home whilst schools are closed. To get your lesson up and running simply visit <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/things-to-do/dudley-performing-arts/information-for-parents-and-young-people/online-lessons-with-dudley-performing-arts-summer-term-2020/> where you can enrol and find out more information about how it works.



ACCELERATED READER

We hope you have all enjoyed reading whilst you are at home!

Can we remind children to complete their Accelerated Reader Star Test.

Thank You!

SWIM SHORTS



If anyone has outgrown their age 7-8 or 8-9 swim shorts with a tie waist, would it be possible to keep them to donate for us to use as spare kit when we return.

Many thanks!

SCHOOL WEBSITE

<http://www.chur-ascen.dudley.sch.uk/>

We hope you are all able to access the school website and check regularly for any updates. All the information you need can be found on the pages under the 'SCHOOL CLOSURE' tab and the House Challenges can be found under the 'School Closure House Challenge' tab.

Weekly tasks are put on for children to complete and there are various links to useful websites to be found on the 'Have You Seen This?' page.

Please do not subscribe to White Rose Maths, the school have paid to put the downloadable worksheets on the school website. The videos are still available for free on the White Rose website.

If Year 6 Children would like to order a Leavers' Hoodie, please use the following link:-

<https://thesportsshopkingswinford.co.uk/collections/church-of-the-ascension>
