



Our school value this half term is: "service"

'Serve one another in love' Galatians 5.13

Notices

Good afternoon everyone,

I hope everyone is well. All the staff and I continue to really enjoy hearing from every one in our school community. It has been lovely hearing the stories of what everyone has been up to and seeing the amazing things the children continue to do. Everything everyone is doing continues to make us all smile so much so please keep sending in the photos and messages. This is very inspiring for everyone in school and our whole school community and I want to thank you all so much for continuing to share your experiences in this way.

I'm very aware that the Government are discussing the current lockdown situation for the whole country as I write and I can assure you that if they change advice regarding schools we will be working within this and keeping you informed over the coming days and weeks ahead.

Pages 2 and 3 of our newsletter are reminders of many things that we've raised over the last few weeks and I ask that you please check our online safety notices on page 2 to check our online safety updates in particular. Also anyone wishing for a **key worker place** should read the **children of key workers** update on page 2.

So as we approach a special weekend I want to wish you all well. Enjoy the weekend!

Mr Kennedy
Headteacher

VE DAY

As we approach the weekend, we have all been thinking of VE day. Tomorrow it is 75 years since the end of the 2nd World War and marks a momentous occasion for our country and indeed the World. All the teachers have been sending work and activities to the children to highlight this very important occasion and in school we have been doing activities with the children who are currently attending. Tomorrow is a bank holiday to mark the occasion and whilst it continues to be a very different time, I hope everyone finds an opportunity to reflect, commemorate and enjoy the freedoms we as a country have.

Staying In Touch

During the school closure period, we have been staying in daily contact with all our families through E-mail. As I've noted, we have also really enjoyed getting responses from everyone and sometimes having the opportunity to have a phone conversation. Staying in touch is crucial and whilst we have ensured we had responses from every family, we ask that everyone continues to stay in touch and reply to our emails as we want to know that everyone is ok and to see if there are any other things we can do to help. Sometimes just a chat about your children and how things are is important and we are here to offer that so please drop us an email and we can give you a call.

Photo sharing

We're currently running two photo sharing opportunities to celebrate the wonderful things we are doing in our school community.

1. **#we're all in this together our school is more than a building**

The response we've had has been amazing and another video with your experiences has gone live today. Thank you and keep sending them in. To get involved ;

1. email photos@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk
2. attach any photos as images
3. Do not include any surnames in the caption
4. Try to keep photos landscape if possible as this works better for display online.

Please click on the link below to have a look at this page <https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/page/were-all-in-this-together---our-school-is-more-than-a-building/66643>

2. **Service**

We've now collected about 20 photos of examples of people helping and doing things which support each other. In line with our school value of **service** we are asking people to think of a photo which reflects this value. We are asking for parents who may wish to get involved to send in pictures as well. In a time we cannot meet together for worship and discussion of values these images will form a video on our website to reflect the amazing things you are all doing to support each other. To get involved please follow the below guidance ensuring the title Service in the email.

1. email photos@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk with the title **Service** and the child's first name
2. attach any photos as images
3. Do not include any surnames in the caption
4. Try to keep photos landscape if possible as this works better for display online.

Click on the link below to see more details.
https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/serve_file/509322



Children of Key workers

In line with Government guidance, we are continuing to arrange **emergency** care for children of key workers next week. We are continuing to organise this provision in our school with our staff between the hours of **8:45am and 3:30pm**.

Whilst school will continue to offer the emergency care, I ask all of our families to continue to support school by working within the government guidance '**when possible children should remain at home as this is the safest place for them.**' It is important children are not sent in unless absolutely necessary to comply with the social distancing regulations.

However, if you feel you will need the emergency care for your child, please email school at: **busar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk** with the following information.

1. Please give the name(s) of your child (ren).
2. Please state the days over the next week that you will require care. We will need to know which days next week exactly you require emergency care as this will impact upon the arrangements that we need to put in place and allow us to ensure the safety of staff and children. Each Thursday we will ask you to confirm this for the week ahead.

It will be important to have this information by **today 5:00 pm at the latest**. We will then reply to your e:mail confirming the arrangements. **We are asking for this information each week as many factors change from week to week.**

If you have any concerns about these arrangements or do not hear about care we have organised for your child on Friday, please email or call school and I will discuss concerns with you.

Please remember we will be here to discuss any concerns you have.

Mr D Kennedy
Headteacher

Online Safety and Parent Information and support

'Oscar's Adventures' has been added to our Online Safety Page on the website This is about Oscar and his adventures within the Online World. It can be used as a story book with your children, reading and discussing each stage of his adventures. Can you together, help Oscar make the right decisions and remain safe online

Please click on the link below to view relevant information and continue to hold regular conversations with your children about this.

<https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/page/online-safety/49955>

In addition to our own website the Government is also recommending the following links.

[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 careers from the NSPCC)

Further guidance and support for parents on many issues can also be accessed in the following Government link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Free School Meals

We have been contacting relevant families but if your child is receiving free school meals and you would like some further information about provision or support or are struggling please email:

bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk

Please note this *does not include* universal free school meals for children in EYFS and KS1. If you are unsure, please send school an email and we can contact you to discuss.



Supporting home learning (click on the links)

Advice for parents and careers

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19#contents>

Government recommended resources

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>

Government link including NEW online academy

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

Websites and ideas to help parents with home learning

1. www.teachyourchildtoread.co.uk to help your child with reading.
2. Everyone knows that exercise improves physical health. But perhaps what is less known is the impact it can have on our mental health - this is especially true for children.
Joe wicks YouTube
3. www.jr.brainpop.com
Focused activities such as puzzles and building Lego constructions can help keep children occupied while arts and crafts help them stay creative.
4. Consider setting up playdates via **Skype or Zoom** can help while in self-isolation. Be mindful of safeguarding procedures.
5. **The National Literacy Trust** also launched an online zone for parents looking for ideas and activities whilst their children are home due to school closures. It includes reading and writing activities, book lists, videos, competitions and reading challenges.
6. **The BBC** announced it would ramp up its educational programmes to help parents staying home with children.

Ten helpful websites resources for children :

1) 123 Homeschool for ME

Free printable worksheets and educational activities to help making learning fun. Resources arranged by grade or subject.
Website: <https://bit.ly/2xcpnJc>

2) 2Simple

Purple Mash is a website designed for children aged 3-11. It contains many creative tools ie: coding, animation, publishing, art and also applications for maths, spelling and grammar.
Website: <https://bit.ly/2U3BIZg>

3) BBC Bitesize

Bitesize is the BBC's free online study support resource for school-age students in the United Kingdom. It is designed to aid students in both schoolwork and, for older students, exams.

Website: <https://bbc.in/2UIDPqc>

4) 5-a-day

Lots of exercise activities for movement breaks.

Website: <https://bit.ly/2Qv7yMs>

5) ABDO

ABDO's entire eBook collection is now available to students to access at home for free.

Website: <https://bit.ly/2wrid3H>

6) ActivityVillage

Activity Village provides thousands of colouring pages, crafts, puzzles, worksheets and more, for parents and teachers.

Website: <https://bit.ly/2J8tHf7>

7) All Kids Network

We offer FREE educational resources, worksheets, writing prompts, themed colouring pages, craft and snack ideas for parents, teachers and caregivers.

Website: <https://bit.ly/2U7ctVU>

8) Artrageous with Nate

Videos about artists and art projects to create.

Website: <https://bit.ly/2vBaobi>

9) Bamboo Learning

Bamboo Learning offers FREE voice-based applications (Alexa skills) that cover a range of academic subjects, including math, ELA/listening comprehension, and social studies.

Website: <https://bit.ly/33xffad>

10) Black Box Education

Digital and interactive resources for drama, dance and theatre.

Website: <https://bit.ly/3diSjtt>

<https://www.teachwire.net/news/coronavirus-how-are-uk-schools-dealing-with-this-health-crisis#pri>
<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

Top Tip:

Trying to mimic a classroom environment at home just isn't going to work, but setting out roughly what you plan to do each day will really help.