



## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - School Update

Good afternoon,

Welcome to our final update of term time. As we close for the **Easter Break**, it's a very different type of holiday period than what we are used to. I know many of your plans will have been postponed or cancelled and everyone is limited in what they can do outside of the house. However, I know how well everyone is adjusting to this new way of living and how well everyone is looking after each other. I want to wish you all a very Happy Easter with your families, however different that may look. Please try to find time to rest and be together.

As a school we will continue to be here and I will be sending out an update over the next 2 weeks. Please read the updates below which also include activities you may wish to do with your children over the next 2 weeks. Do not hesitate to email in any concerns.

Finally, I really do want to thank everyone for the kind messages and support which mean such a lot to everyone in school! I've especially enjoyed looking at the photos sent in which are making me smile every day. Keep it up! I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Take care and stay safe

*Mr Kennedy*

### **Emergency care**

Whilst home school has now stopped for 2 weeks our school continues to be open for emergency child care for our families that require this. Today we have sent a letter to confirm these arrangements to the relevant families. **If you have received a letter I ask that you please respond to it by 5:00pm.** If you have not received a letter but feel you should, please do get in touch with school.

### ***# We're all in this together – our school is more than a building***

I have been loving seeing the photos coming in for the new part of our website. This will be updated later today, so please log on to see what everyone has been up to. I'd like to thank everyone for sending in their pictures which has really reflected all the wonderful things happening – I am certainly enjoying seeing them all. Keep the photos coming! A reminder of how to get involved is:

*We would like you to share photos of your children and their positive experiences of schooling at home. We are asking anyone who wishes, to send in 1 or 2 photos (in just one email please) with a catchy caption to reflect something you've been doing at home. These will then be used to build a photo collection of everyone in our school community as we continue to work together.*

Key points for sending the email are:

1. Please send email to [photos@oughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:photos@oughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk)
2. Attach any photos as images and a caption to go with this
3. Do not include any surnames name in the caption
4. Try and ensure the photo is landscape.

## Online safety update

In February we held a huge initiative about online safety with everyone in school, as online safety plays a huge role in everything we do in our curriculum. Today, all parents received an email from their teacher highlighting this issue.

We'd like to remind all parents of the importance of online safety during the period of school closure and the Easter Break when children might be spending more time than usual online and also using different online resources.

We ask you to visit the **online safety** part of our **website** to consider these issues and in today's email, we attached some documents which you will find useful. One of these is the **SMART rules** the children use in school which you may like to remind you child of and if you are able to, print off and have displayed at home.

Please take time to discuss this issue with your children and consider home practices and simple rules about staying safe online. Ensuring you continue to monitor your child's online activity is an important part of keeping them safe at this time. Please click on this link to view our **Online Safety Advice**:

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

Further Government advice was highlighted on this week's newsletter. Please click on the link to see the links and advice: [https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/serve\\_file/472166](https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/serve_file/472166)

## Return to Home Schooling

Home school has now stopped for 2 weeks and is currently planned to resume on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**. The main school e-mail ([bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk)) will continue to be checked so please do email in any concerns.

## Easter Activities



We have developed Easter Activities for **Holy Week** and the **Easter Break** that you might like to try at home with your children.

### Holy Week

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Make your own 'palm' cross out of paper or card.</li></ul>
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Washing each other's feet in the home (between members of the same household only), or something in relation to hand-washing.</li><li>• Making bread, or dough twisters, with a grace about Jesus being the living bread.</li></ul>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Watch the Easter Story. <a href="https://youtu.be/fhE6ELj2kVM">https://youtu.be/fhE6ELj2kVM</a></li></ul>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preparing an Easter garden (whether using plants or as a craft activity); preparing and painting Easter eggs.</li></ul>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learn the song <a href="https://youtu.be/hRsgqCL_9Bw">https://youtu.be/hRsgqCL_9Bw</a></li></ul>

## An Easter Prayer



## Easter craft

Please click on the below link for ideas of Easter Craft.

<https://www.google.co.uk/amp/s/ministry-to-children.com/childrens-ministry-links-for-easter/amp/>

These four links give other ideas for things you may wish to do with your children as well.

1. <https://www.google.co.uk/amp/s/www.mykidstime.com/things-to-do/50-easter-activities-for-kids/amp/>  
**Fun Easter activities to do with your child.**
2. <https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/15-must-do-easter-crafts-and-activities-for-kids/>  
**A range of Easter crafts and activities.**
3. <https://theeducatorsspinonit.com/40-easter-activities-for-kids/>  
**This spring there are so many fun Easter Activities for you to try with your child.**
4. <https://activeforlife.com/add-activity-to-easter/>  
**10 fun ways to add activity to your Easter.**