

Summer Term Newsletter



Message from Rev Caroline

Hi everyone,

I just wanted to let you know that your schools, staff, children and parents are in my thoughts and prayers during this challenging time. I have also been doing Sunday worship on-line and it can be accessed via Durham North team website.

I have put the link to this weeks service below. It has had lots of positive reviews and I offer it to you to strengthen and sustain you (the real star of the worship is our cockapoo Cassie!)

<https://vimeo.com/401645094>

Don't hesitate to contact me, even if it's just to have a laugh together.

Take care and thanks once again for all you are doing,

Caroline

Parent Pay

School dinners are paid through parent pay. Please can you keep a regular check of your account to ensure that you are in credit. We have had a financial audit and debts of £55 or more will be referred to Local Authority.

Adam Bushnell Live Story Telling

Check out the work of the famous author who visited our school earlier this year for live storytelling on Youtube.

This is at 2:30pm every day this week, including fun activities for primary school children to do afterwards with their families at home.

The link to Adam's Youtube channel is here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0MauzYgXgNrgyHWFB4l7gQ>

Liz Million from your living room

After Easter we were due a truly amazing visit from famous illustrator/author, Liz Million!

Check out her daily tutorials on her Facebook page, live from your own home.

Home Learning

Our school website is our central source of information and already contains some great advice, guidance and home learning links. Just a reminder that I have added further home learning packs on the

children's class page for you to access. If you would like a paper copy of these, please can you contact us via school email and we will arrange for paper copies to be posted out to you or you can collect from school.

As reopening times are uncertain at present, we hope you will find the following links helpful in supporting home learning for your child/children:

www.scholastic.com

<https://masterthecurriculum.co.uk/>

www.edtechimpact.co.uk

www.twinkl.co.uk

www.classroomsecrets.co.uk

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.mathszone.co.uk

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.myminimaths.co.uk

www.plazoom.com

www.gonoodle.com

www.primaryresources.co.uk

Texts/Emails

We regularly send texts to parents with details of events happening in school or

just reminders. We are now also sending emails. Thank you for your patience while we are updating this. Letters have been sent out explaining our new systems. Please notify school if you haven't received any texts/emails in the last week. Your contact details may need updating.

School Website

Please continue to look at our school website on www.nettleworth.durham.sch.uk for diary dates, latest news, celebrations, advice and information.

Bitesize Daily Lessons

From 20 April, in response to the coronavirus pandemic and school closures around the United Kingdom, parents/pupils will be able to access regular daily lessons in English, maths and other core subjects, in an expanded version of the BBC Bitesize website and also in special programmes broadcast on BBC iPlayer and BBC Red Button.

Google BBC Bitesize for the website address

Professor Brainstorm Home Experiments

www.profbrainstorm.co.uk/homescience.htm

This page contains some experiments that you can do at home whilst the schools are closed.

You won't need any special equipment – just yogurt pots, Pringles tubes and other

bits and pieces that you can probably find easily at home.

The experiments are aimed at **Primary age children** (aged from 4 to 11 years)

Unlike some science experiments that you might find described on the Internet,

all of these experiments do actually work. (I have tried them all myself!)

This page is under development. I will be adding more experiments every few days –

so please keep checking back here on a regular basis.)

Parent's Guide to Cyber Safety

From Durham Constabulary's Cyber Protect Team:

Here are some great tips for parents on setting up the right controls and privacy settings to ensure their child stays safe online. You can find these in detail in our 'Parents Guide to Cyber Safety' advice booklet

[Parents Guide to Cyber Safety Book](#)

The booklet looks at the following areas:

Smart Devices

They are a number of different ways to secure your child's device within the phone settings. Some of these are **turning off location settings, blocking inappropriate content** and **disabling app purchasing**.

Broadband & Mobile Networks

Did you know you can restrict certain websites on devices connected to your home router? You can also use these settings to make the home Wi-Fi unavailable to a device after say 9pm for example!

Gaming

We look at questions to ask when buying a games console, such as if the console

or games have **chat facilities**, is your child able to make **purchases** using their games console, or does your child's **gamertag** reveal their identity?

Social Media

There are many features that you can put in place to ensure social media is safe for your child, like ensuring accounts are **private** not public, filtering out **inappropriate comments** and setting up **two-factor authentication**.

There are also a number of websites that give detailed advice on staying safe online, such as:

www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls
www.ncsc.gov.uk
www.net-aware.org.uk
www.getsafeonline.org

Harbour

Harbour works with families and individuals who are affected by abuse from a partner, former partner or other family member.

If you or someone you know is being abused or being abusive to others the please use the information below:

- If in immediate danger always call **999**
- Harbour 24-hour support line 03000202525
- Email info@myharbour.org.uk
- Information available on myharbour.org.uk
- Harbour facebook page

National Helplines:

- National Domestic Violence Helpline 08082000247
- Men's Advice line, for male domestic abuse survivors 08088010327
- The Mix, free advice for under 25's in UK 08088084994
- National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline 08009995428
- Samaritans 24/7 116 123

Music Learning Videos

Durham Music Service has launched it's **Youtube channel**

Every day from 20th April we will post a short musical learning video for your pupils suitable for both in and out of school.

PLEASE subscribe

- Action **Monday** (wake up the week with an Action Song)
- Rockin Rhythm **Tuesday** (Have fun with rhythm with percussion/household objects)
- Ukulele **Wednesday** (Sing and strum for Uke Fun!)
- Singalong **Thursday** (Catchy songs for all the family)
- Signing **Friday** (Sing and Sign for all)

Rights Respecting Schools

Download work resources relating to UNCRC Article 24

Check out resources on school website.

Article of the Week
Article 24

Welcome Back

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and welcome to our very first remote summer term!

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it's ok if you and your child feel wobbly and worried at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by contacting school office via email nettlesworth@durhamlearning.net or headteacher email d.lee103@durhamlearning.net

You can also contact class teachers via their email, which is on the covering letter of the children's first learning pack given out before schools closed.

We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. So, we're carrying on with provision for vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers.

Your children will have lots of activities they can get stuck into over the summer term – so keep a close eye on activities which will appear on school website, class sections of the

school website and Miss Grant's youtube channel.

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We also love seeing the children's fantastic learning at home – please keep sending their work in via email.

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected.

Many Thanks

Donna Lee

Head Teacher

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Dear Parents,

Don't stress about schoolwork. In September, I will get your children back on track. I am a teacher and that's my superpower. What I can't fix is social-emotional trauma that prevents the brain from learning. So right now, I just need you to share your calm, share your strength, and share your laughter with your children. No kids are ahead. No kids are behind. Your children are exactly where they need to be.

With love,
All the teachers on planet Earth