



# Bursley Academy Newsletter

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## Message from the Principal

With just a few days left until the half term holidays, today I have been reflecting on what is, without doubt, the strangest start we have ever had to an academic year! Words cannot express how proud I am to be a part of the Bursley family; our resilient pupils have embraced their learning whilst adapting to a myriad of changes; our new pupils in Nursery and Reception have settled in tremendously – it's like they have always been here. You, our parents, have been super supportive of the measures that we have had to put in place to keep each other safe and not forgetting my amazing team who have, quite possibly, faced one of the most challenging periods of their teaching/working careers. A special thank you to each and every one of you.

This Friday, we are going to have fun! As the children have all worked so hard whilst we completed 'baseline assessment' (carried out to identify the gaps in their learning) I have instructed the teachers to arrange a number of fun activities for their pupils. They are of course, invited to come to school in their own clothes too.

Thank you for your continued support and as always, if you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate in calling school to speak to myself or a member of the Bursley team or arrange a social distanced appointment.

Wishing you all, a happy and healthy half term.

Mr Wilkinson

## HARVEST DONATIONS

As Covid has been a massive burden to many families, we are asking for donations of the following items for harvest;

*sugar, soffee, tinned pies, tinned potatoes, Instant mash, shampoo, baby wipes, tinned meat, tinned veg, chower gel & Cleaning wipes.*

These items will be passed to People's Pantry, who provide emergency food and toiletries to local families who find themselves without the basic living essentials that they desperately need.

Donation boxes will be stationed at each drop off & pick up point until Thursday. Thank you.



## HOME LEARNING

**Parents of pupils in Years 1 to 6 should have received a letter last Friday detailing personalised login details for Microsoft Teams - an aid to home learning in the event of a full lockdown or period of self-isolation. To allow us to prepare for such an eventuality, we would like to identify: 1) any households that DO NOT have broadband and/or 2) pupils that DO NOT have access to a device capable of loading/using Teams.**



**Please e-mail the school office if your child is in Year 1 to 6 and you do not have broadband or a suitable device to allow us to make alternative arrangements for home learning for your child.**

**[office@bursley.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@bursley.staffs.sch.uk)**

## CALLING ALL PARENTS WITH CHILDREN DUE TO START HIGH SCHOOL OR RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2020

A reminder that parents need to apply on-line for a High School place by 31<sup>st</sup> October. If your child is currently at Nursery then the on-line portal to apply for a Reception place will open on 1<sup>st</sup> November. Please check the Staffordshire County Council Website for further information.

# Fun Friday

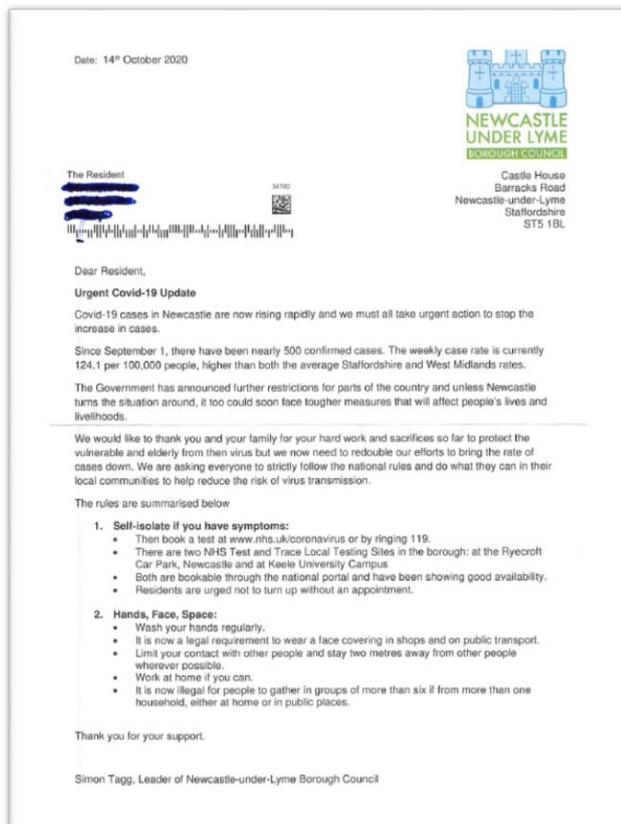


As mentioned in my message, on Friday the children will be having lots of Halloween themed fun. We are inviting them to come into school in their own clothes; preferably orange and black to continue the Halloween theme. Due to the current restrictions, we are asking that children don't bring in any accessories unless they are fixed!

Children will have the opportunity to complete a colouring competition in conjunction with our local Co-op, with arts and craft goodies up for grabs along with some sweet treats.

## Letter from Newcastle Borough Council

A the majority of our families live in the Newcastle Borough, most of you will have already received a copy of the letter below to your home address. We do, however, believe that it is important to re-iterate that the weekly case rate in the local area is higher than the average in both Staffordshire and the West Midlands and that it is important we follow the national rules and do everything possible to reduce transmission.



## Art Competition Winners

A huge well done to all of our pupils for their fantastic art work currently being displayed at Spode Artist Studios and to Miss Rushton for organising it. Not only did we WIN the school prize but Holly & Eva came 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Congratulations everyone - we are really proud of you.

## Healthy Snacks

A reminder that children should be sent to school with a healthy snack for their break. Chocolate bars and crisps are not permitted, with the exception of 'treat Wednesday'.



## Warm Clothes

As the clocks go back this weekend and the colder weather descends upon us, please ensure that your child comes to school in a warm coat, hat and gloves as, providing there is no rain, we will send them out in all weathers.

It is important that all items are clearly labelled.

