



DILS News



Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 64

27th March 2020

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK: School has closed for the majority of children since Friday 20th March until further notice. We hope to continue to publish our school weekly newsletters to keep our community up to date.

Next week, school will be open to support the children of key workers who have no other suitable day care from 9am until 3.15pm.

KEY WORKERS: The Government have released much clearer guidance on Key Workers and their children's access to schools starting from Monday 23 March 2020 – see link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

HOME LEARNING:

The School website is now full of wonderful learning activities and ideas for you to do at home:

- **Activities and learning that you can tune into from home page**

You will find live channels that you can tune into for some home learning like astronomy space science, marine biology etc

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Activities+and+learning+that+you+can+tune+into+from+home&pid=84>

- **Come to read and learn with us**

You will find links to videos from our **YouTube** channel and other links to support reading;

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Come+to+read+and+learn+with+us%21&pid=81>

- **School YouTube channel**

Subscribe to see your DILS staff reading and showing fun learning challenges

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeBbq7KAgMEimG4DoFqOB5A?view_as=subscriber

- **Isolation - Fun activities and ideas to help children stay entertained**

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Isolation+%2D+Fun+activities+and+ideas+to+do+at+home&pid=83>

- **Our Home Learning Gallery**

You will find pictures of children's home learning. **If you are sending in photos, please be aware that these will be shared on our website.**

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/gallery/?pid=49&gcatid=4>

- **PE with Joe Wicks and other ideas page**

You will find links to Joe's videos and attached are some PE activities and challenges to try at home

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=PE+with+Joe+Wicks+and+other+ideas&pid=79>

- **Science - Learning at home page**

You will find science resources

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Science+%2D+Learning+at+home&pid=80>

Families registered for **Free School Meals** through Central Bedfordshire will begin to receive food vouchers on a term time weekly basis, until schools re-open. If you think your family are entitled to Free School Meals please follow the link below.

If your child is younger than Y3 and you are unsure if you are entitled to Free School Meal status, please contact the local authority for more information.

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/53/benefits/4/free_school_meals/2



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Special thank you to:

- Jude (1Bolt), Seren (Tchaikovsky) and their mum for the lovely 'homemade by small hands' cake and card she sent in. Delicious!
- Alfie (1Beckham) and mum for the Rocky Road cake! Amazing!

School Vacancies (we continue to plan for school life after Coronavirus):

- **Midday Supervisors** – We have opportunities for relief lunchtime work at our school. You will be supervising children in the dining hall and be responsible for ensuring the safety, welfare and good conduct of pupils during the midday break. If you are interested in this position and would like more information, please call the school office on 01582 663709 and ask for Mrs White, or email our school office on dunstable@icknielower.bedssch.co.uk
- **KS2 class teacher and Leader** - This is a fixed term contract to cover a maternity leave for one academic year.

The job is currently listed following the link below:

<https://teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/jobs/key-stage-2-leader-maternity-cover>