



The Federation of Burrington and Wrighton Church Schools

Let all that you do be done in love' 1 Corinthians 16:14

Dear Parents and Carers,

Oak National Academy

Here is a link to the Oak National Academy. It contains lots of lessons for children of primary age and can be used to supplement the Federation home learning drop box work.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/year-groups/>

Simply click on the year group and then you can select lessons by schedule - for each day of the week (there are usually 4 lessons a day) or you can select lessons by subject (English/ maths/ foundation (other subject areas including science, history, art and music and PE).

We know that different households are asking for different levels of guidance on extra things for your child to do at home. We would suggest that your child might like to choose some things that they are interested in (by subject) and have a look at the lesson. Alternatively it is a good way for your child to have a boost in an area which they feel less confident in. Whether you choose to look at it by schedule or subject, we hope it will provide some alternative and supplementary lessons for your child.

This is **optional** and is for families who have asked for some additional material.

Book bundles

We have put book bundles for children outside the school office for collection in school hours. R-Y2 were available today and the older children's bundles will be available from Monday. In case of bad weather, we will be bringing them inside overnight. Mrs Clarke sent a letter earlier in the week with further details.

Job vacancies

We are currently recruiting for a posts in school beginning September including a full time class teacher (lower KS2) and support staff. The LSA post is for 29 hours per week and will be based in KS1 and /or Reception class. The class teacher post includes the leadership of art and DT or foreign languages across the federation. The details of each post are available on both the Wrighton and Burrington websites. Please do pass the message on to anyone who might be interested.

Zoom Celebration Service

Please see the children's letter for the details of the next Zoom Celebration Service. Thank you for your support with this.

School organisation September 2020

You will be aware that uncertainty continues regarding the arrangements for September in terms of whether we will be opening on a full or part time basis, to what extent we will need to organise the school in relation to the social distancing requirements and how we will be supporting all children in the post Covid 'catch up' phase. Now that we have had experience of the consequences for schools of a pandemic, we will also be giving consideration to how we might organise things if we experienced a second lockdown.

Y6 Camp September 2020

Because of all the above factors, we are having to delay some decision making on school events such as camp until we know more clearly what the public health expectations will be. We will be sending a form to Year 5 parents next week to canvass opinion about whether parents would be interested in the children still attending **if it was safe to do so**.

Because we go in September, as a federation, we have the whole site to ourselves which is a real privilege. If we were allowed to go in September, and we chose to continue with the trip, we would probably have to make different arrangements to travel down to Devon and for the return journey. We would also have to alter a few of the activities to ensure social distancing was possible; however, the trip would be basically the same. If we postponed the trip to later in the year, we would have to share the whole accommodation with many more schools.

There are advantages and disadvantages to each scenario and the decision may not even be ours to make if public health limitations remain as they are, but we thought it would be useful to know how you felt as Y5 parents. Taking a group of children away at any time is a huge responsibility for staff and not one that is ever taken lightly, so please be assured that the trip would only go ahead if we felt it was safe to do so.

Pod places

I must apologise for confusing many people in my reminder earlier in the week to book pod places for your children. I did not make it clear that children in Y1, Reception and Year 6 who had already returned to school had already been counted in our numbers. **We are now full or very nearly full capacity in every pod**. If you require a place, we will of course do our best to accommodate your child, but please understand we are **unable to exceed the pod limit** due to government guidance, room size and staff availability. We have completed a detailed risk assessment for the safety of everyone, and it is important we adhere to this. Spare places **may** be available to be offered in our other federation school, Burrington, if we are full at Wrington.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Sarah Joskey

Head teacher