

Birchwood continues to be closed next week apart from providing child care service for vulnerable children and children of key workers

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

The Bugle is only available online at the moment due to school closure.

**REMINDER : Follow our one school rule showing 'Consideration and Respect' to the NHS and all our key workers.**

## Sunny Easter Holiday

Welcome All. I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter where at least the weather was kind to us, even if we were not really able to go anywhere to enjoy it.

As you know, Birchwood continues to be closed following Government guidelines, apart from to support our most vulnerable children and the children of our key workers.

Teachers will continue to set and review learning for children to complete at home. We hope this helps to provide some structured time to the children's week days and supports them to keep knowledge and skills warm. Reading daily still remains the most effective use of learning time.

We do miss the children not being here at Birchwood and hoped that our Easter video message would be a way of saying 'Hello' to them and to make sure that they don't forget us. Apologies for the acting, we think it best we all stick to teaching from now on!



**Easter message to Birchwood children reaches over 3500 viewers!**

## Easter Activity—Time capsule

Thanks to all those children who chose to take part in our Easter Time Capsule Activity. Please do not burry or hide them just yet! We hope you enjoyed creating them and we really look forward to seeing all of your wonderful time capsules in school, once we have reopened.



## National Online Safety

Over the last 5 weeks we will all have spent more time online than usual, whether that be learning, working or just for entertainment.

Technology has also been essential in supporting many families to be able to communicate with those that they are not able to be in physical contact with. The widespread use of mobile phones and the Internet are helping people stay in touch and communicate regularly.

To support school and yourselves in being able to safeguard and protect children whilst online, we have teamed up with National Online Safety who deliver brilliant training for schools and parents.

The training is delivered through short videos and covers the following aspects: unsafe communications, effects to mental health and well-being and managing online information. You will learn about each online danger, what the risks are to each danger, potential signs and what you could do to help ensure children stay safe online!

Unfortunately, although every member of staff has signed up and completed some element of training, we have only had 4 parents who have logged in and completed the online safety course for parents. If you have not done so already, we would urge more of you to use the extra time you have available at the moment to complete this training to support you to help keep your children safe online.

Please use the link below and sign up as a parent.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/birchwood-primary-school-1>



## Lockdown Wellbeing Calls home

Whilst the current lockdown persists, Birchwood will continue to make contact with all our families that we are not in regular communication with, to ensure that the children and yourselves are safe and well.

The purpose of our phone calls home are not to 'check up' on children's home learning, but if you do need some support with this, please let us know during this call. Our sole reason for the call is to check that everyone is ok at home.

Your continued support of our school is very much appreciated. It is reassuring and comforting to know that you are all safe and well during this challenging time.



## **FITT4KIDS**

A free YouTube channel providing fitness sessions, skills and games for all the family to play, including football and goalkeeping videos.

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCYU8AvO0sVe1UBdxKKEUkxA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYU8AvO0sVe1UBdxKKEUkxA)