

Dear colleague,

Welcome to the seventh edition of our newsletter, You're Not Home Alone. We want to provide useful information so please let us know if you want new topics included. Please do continue to send any pictures of any activities from our newsletter that your children have enjoyed doing – we've loved seeing so many.

Just contact marketing@fostertalk.org or call 0121 758 5013.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO PASS THIS ON TO YOUR COLLEAGUES AND TO OTHER FOSTER CARERS.

FOSTERTALK VIRTUAL TRAINING

We've been busy updating our usual face to face training courses into online, virtual courses for you to take whilst at home. We have lots to offer including training on Staying Put, Life Story Work, Allegations, Education and Sexual Exploitation. **Take a look** and contact us for further information.



BACK TO SCHOOL!

Has your child gone back to school over the past few weeks? Do you have concerns now they are back? Do you have unanswered questions? Our Educational Expert Advisor, Phil Sharrock has offered to answer all the education queries that you may have. Please email us at marketing@fostertalk.org with your query.

HOME SCHOOL

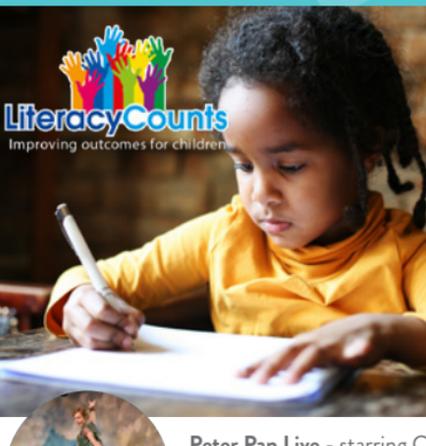


The presenter, Sir David Attenborough of Blue Planet and Planet Earth has fronted a geography lesson for **BBC Bitesize**. The lessons for primary school children were first aired on 16 June and 18 June but can still be viewed.

Sir David Attenborough said: "I am delighted to be teaching primary school children across the country about the things I am passionate about. I hope children will learn something new about animals, oceans and dinosaurs, and feel inspired by my **BBC Bitesize** lessons."

It certainly sounds like these lessons will be a little bit different to what you'd normally get in the classroom, and will include animations as well as footage from the Natural History Unit.

Then on 30 June Sir David will also be giving another lesson. This time he'll be teaching primary school students all about dinosaurs and fossils as part **BBC Bitesize** Science Week. For further information on how to view the lessons [Click here](#)



FREE RESOURCES

Literacy Counts - have put together materials to support parents and teachers to continue learning at home. They also send out weekly emails and support documents with some exciting activities to support your children from Reception all the way through to Year 6 – **Take a look**



Peter Pan Live - starring Christopher Walken and Allison Williams, is the latest free screening to be released as part of Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Shows Must Go On! series. Peter Pan Live will be available to watch for 48 hours from 19 June [Click here](#)

Summer Printables - Children love colouring in. Teaching2and3yearolds.com have a wonderful selection of **FREE** downloadable printables. There's sections for summer, shapes, colours, math's and many more. **Take a look**



Take A Peek Inside Buckingham Palace - As the annual trooping of the colours took place last week, (albeit a more low key occasion that usual) to mark the Queens official birthday, we thought it would be apt to take a look inside Buckingham Palace – enjoy Exploring this magnificent building where you'll see the Grand Staircase, the White Drawing Room, the Throne Room and the Blue Drawing Room **Take a look**



NATURE

Nature art frames are really simply to make, fun to play with and create some wonderful images. Have a [look here](#) to get inspired to get your children interested in the nature and wildlife around them.

Send us a picture of your creation! We'd love to see it marketing@fostertalk.org

SCREEN FREE IDEAS

Blue Peter - The BBC are giving away Blue Peter badges to kids aged between 6 and 15! The badges all you to gain free entry to over 200 attractions across the UK.

Browse the badges available on the Blue Peter website and follow the instructions of how to apply – it may be that your child needs to send in a poem, a letter, a picture etc.... Lovely way to keep them occupied [Click here](#) for more information.



Wooden Spoon Butterflies - These are so beautiful and easy to recreate. Get your children engaged by

drawing around their hands and making their own butterflies and adding a wooden spoon – full method can be [Found Here](#)

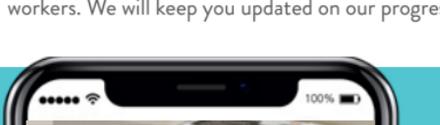
Paper Umbrella - The weather is so unpredictable at the moment, beautifully sunny one minute and then pouring with rain the next. Let your children get inspiration from the weather by creating a paper umbrella collage [Click Here](#)



MARTIN JAMES FOUNDATION

We once again wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part in the survey on the impact of Covid 19 on fostering households. We are now analysing the data, and using it to form part of our submission to the DFE Inquiry on children's services. We are

also developing a campaign for improved mental health services for children and young people in care and support for foster carers. We are supporting FosterTalk's call to recognise the vital contribution foster carers have made during the crisis and the need for recognition as key-workers. We will keep you updated on our progress, and the ways you will be able to get involved.



MENTAL HEALTH

Health in Mind is a Scottish mental health charity and they know just how important connecting with others is for our mental health. They've launched a **Writing To Say Hello** campaign, which is challenging people to make a connection by letting others know you are thinking about them and saying 'hello' through one of their downloadable postcards. Have a [Look here](#)



REMEMBER OUR TAX AND BENEFITS ADVISORS CAN HELP

If any member of your household is worried about their finances and how everything works in these strange times please call us. If it's a question of getting a tax return filed we can also offer a fixed rate fee service to your family members.

Our expertise is not simply limited to Foster carer tax returns, we can help with all aspects of personal tax to. Call us on 0121 758 5013 or email enquiries@fostertalk.org

Best regards
The FosterTalk team