

Weekly Keeping in Touch Bulletin 5

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Dear Parents and children,



I hope you are all keeping safe and well. This week ends with the May Bank Holiday. I hope you all enjoy commemorating the 75th anniversary of VE day. Let the fun remind us of the joy we will have when the country returns to normal. On Sunday, our Prime Minister will outline the plans to come out of lockdown. This will be the first time we will hear about it too. Please be assured the safety of everyone is paramount in our response to this and bear with us as we put plans in place to follow what we are directed to do. Thank you so much for your lovely photos and messages. We have a bumper issue this week.

Take care and keep in touch and Happy Bank Holiday!

Warmest Regards

Mrs K Yuen

Home Learning Week 6 activities

Next week's focus is on the environment. On the Learning plan you will see a range of activities to promote thinking, including different environments animals live in and looking after our environment.



Many parents are now making thorough use of the BBC Bitesize lessons for a 'daily input' also – please do explore these. Each day there are 3 lessons tailored to your child's age.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

See **Miss Marum's ideas for celebrating on our special Bank Holiday at the end of this bulletin**



Five Ways to Celebrate...

the 75th Anniversary of VE Day

Ways to keep in touch and receive information

Important Notice

Please remember to download the Parent mail APP. This is our main way of communicating with you



Email us

on: office@sgcps.org

Send Your Good News

Stories to:

office@sgcps.org

We would love to hear from you and possibly a photo too so we can put it in future editions.

News from our Community

Keep sending in your news. We will try and share all of them over time.



Lexi and Sasha worked together to record their family tree. Aidan has been looking at medals that were awarded to the armed forces by the monarchy and has designed a medal that the Pope might have awarded in 1945 for outstanding compassion.



Look at Lexi and Sasha's prayer table in honour of Mary. Well done girls!



Evie helped collect food donations on her street, for the Hope Centre's Street by Street Appeal and delivered them on Wednesday morning- on behalf of everyone – thank you Evie.



A Kenyan flag made by Ethan out of sticks and pine cones and shadow drawing by Elliot. Very Creative!

Message from our School Chaplain- Mrs Darwin

Throughout these last few months, I cannot tell you how many video clips, quizzes and inspirational quotes have popped up on my phone! Some funny, some emotional, others ridiculous! One I will share with you - I feel we all may relate to it at this time! You may have seen it. There is a person taking part in 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire?' and set to win £64,000 on the next answer. The question is... 'What day is it? Monday, Tuesday, 1982 or Saturday'? After much agonising she answers... "I have absolutely no idea!"

Well...that does just about sum me up right now! So, just to confuse things even more, is the fact that we celebrate our May Day Bank Holiday this Friday; the first time in history that it does not fall on a Monday! Even when we celebrated 50 years of Victory in Europe, 25 years ago, it was still on a Monday – just a week later.



On Friday, as a nation we will pause to commemorate and celebrate the end of World War 2 in Europe. Celebrations will not quite be those which were planned back in January and a lot of virtual parties will be taking place, garden parties in a way we never imagined! It seems almost timely that we will be celebrating VE Day in the midst of our present 'war', surely a living message of resilience, of community and of hope. The NHS workers have been hailed as the 'frontline' fighters of our time; however, we are in this together, everyone playing their part. We can fight back, we can survive, we will find those silver linings and at the end of all of this we can emerge as stronger and more beautiful people in this wonderful world to which we belong.

As Her Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth said in her recent address to our country, "...better days will return, we will be with our families again, we will meet again."

So until we meet again God bless Mrs Darwin



Last week we shared ideas to honour Mary during her special Month of May.

Look at what Fr David is doing...



As we celebrate the VE Day 75th Anniversary, Miss Jackson has been remembering her granddads and Great granddad. Do you know if you have relatives who fought in the WW2?



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In Europe, the Second World War ended on 8th May 1945. Great Britain had been fighting for nearly 6 years. This is remembered every year and is called Victory in Europe Day. The Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, announced on the radio at 3pm that Germany had surrendered. The country celebrated and there were many street parties across Great Britain. It is important to remember that there was still fighting in Japan and World War II didn't officially end until 2nd September 1945.

Remember...

On VE Day, people will remember the service men and women from the Army, Navy and Air Force who fought during WWII.

Watch today's episode of Newsround and see what you can find out.

Research...

What was life like in 1945 Britain?

What did people wear?

What did they eat?

What sort of music did they listen to?

Find out about...

The Army, Navy and Air Force all served Britain during WWII. What can you find out about their uniforms? What vehicles did they use?

Record your findings as writing or pictures.

Design a Medal...

When the service men and women from the Army, Navy and Air Force returned home, they were given medals to show how grateful the nation were. *Why were the nation grateful?*

Design a medal that could have been given to returning service men and women.

Plan your own celebrations...

75 years ago, there were many street parties taking place.

Have a go at planning your own celebration lunch you could have at home. What food will you have? How will you decorate?

We would love to see how you celebrate VE Day with your families.
Please send any photos of your work to the School Office: office@secps.org

