

30th April 2020

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to you all for continuing to support your child's learning at home. We appreciate it is not an easy task. Many of you are trying to work from home, you are sharing laptops and the initial excitement many of the children showed for home learning is beginning to wear off! Please do get in touch with your child's class teacher if you need some support with your child and their learning, we are always happy to talk and share ideas.

Tomorrow is May Day – always an important day in the life of our school and one that the children very much look forward to. I am disappointed that this year we are unable to be together to celebrate the arrival of spring and watch our super year 6 children dance around the May Pole. However, you may be aware that I wrote to all of the children inviting them to dress in their May Day outfits and at 10.00am tomorrow, dance with their family! Staff and children who are in school will be out on the playground at 10.00am and paying heed to social distancing will be dancing around the May Pole – you may well hear us!

If you are able to celebrate on Friday, please do take photos and videos and send them to your child's class teacher in order for us to share them with each other. In this way we will all be connected in our celebrations.

Next Friday (8th May) is VE day, I know that all over the country events were planned to celebrate the day which have sadly had to be cancelled. However, last week I was contacted by BBC Radio Oxford with the following message;

With so many events cancelled or restricted for the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of VE Day on 8th May, we wanted to come up with a way for people across Oxfordshire to mark the occasion and express their pride in our country and to remember and honour the men and women of WW2.

From Monday 27th April, BBC Radio Oxford will be asking people to get creative and make their own special 'Great British Bunting' to hang in their windows. Bunting can be decorated with pictures of soldiers who fought on the frontline or those who worked on the Homefront, it could be your grandad in the Navy or your great grandmother who worked for the RAF. Or you could draw a poppy to commemorate the fallen, a dove to celebrate lasting peace or a rainbow to symbolise hope. All the guidance and inspiration you need to make your bunting from whatever you have at home can be found at bbc.co.uk/makeadifference. (I have also attached the bunting template and instructions here in case you'd like to send them out directly).

*We're asking people to send us their pictures and to tag us (@BBCOxford) in their social media as well as using the hashtags **#GreatBritishBunting** and **#VEDay75** so that all the effort people put in can be shared far and wide. We'd also love anyone to get in touch with us to share their family stories of VE Day via social media or makeadifferenceoxfordshire@bbc.co.uk. Keep an eye on our Twitter and Facebook pages – we'll be sharing some lovely videos about the bunting starting on Monday.*

I think this is a lovely idea and one I am sure the children will enjoy taking part in. If you are able to make some festive bunting, do take pictures and send them into school so we can all admire the children's creative work.

Free school meals

If you have recently been made redundant your child might be eligible for free school meals. We can check this very quickly all you need to do is send your full name, date of birth and national insurance number to the school office by email office.2354@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk.

Please do contact me if I can be of any assistance during these challenging times, school is open, I and the rest of the staff team are here to help and support you and your children.

And finally, it is always good to share photos of some of our children and here are some from our very youngest children and how they have been spending some of their time learning at home.



With best wishes

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Headteacher

