

Learning and Caring Together,  
“...they will flourish in the courts of our God.” (Psalm 92:13)

### COVID-19 School Closure Keeping in touch: Letter 7

9<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy bank holiday Friday! I know it is a very different bank holiday for us all but it is amazing to hear how adaptable, resilient and creative families are being to ensure that good times are still had. Indeed, there are many community and family (distanced) events taking place for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. I have included some information from Staffordshire County Council at the bottom of my letter that you could maybe explore.

Once again thank you for engaging on **class dojo**. Although school is closed today, I have still been able to send my letter to you, which is great! The children's portfolios are a pleasure to see on dojo. Thank you for sharing home learning and family fun with us. It was lovely to share our staff message to children and our tribute to key workers via dojo this week. If you haven't seen the video clips yet, please take a look and share them with your children. Family and friends. You can also view the videos on our website, Twitter, YouTube, Leek TV and Cheddleton Chat 😊.

Thank you also for your positive feedback about the **home learning** page on our website. I'm glad that you are finding the content useful and supportive. In response to constructive feedback, learning 'packs' will now be uploaded before Monday and we will also upload a brief overview sheet of the subjects and lessons shared. I hope this helps those of you that need to or choose to timetable your child's home learning for the week ahead.

**In school** this week, the children have been learning about VE Day. They have made bunting and flags and reflected on why we are celebrating during their picnic lunch. They sketched portraits of Boris Johnson and Winston Churchill too. They have also been making bird feeders and looking after our environment by litter picking in the forestry area (oh, the pleasure that new litter pickers can bring). As you would expect, appropriate hygiene and safety procedures have been followed at all times.

You may be aware that **Christian Aid week** commences on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Under current circumstances, several fund raising events have had to be cancelled (door to door collections etc). Undeterred by the current situation, and being solution focussed as always, Mrs Blairs has organised fundraising activities that can take place in the comfort of your own homes.

She invites the children to go on a 'Coin Hunt'! How much loose change is hidden down the back of your sofa or in jars, on shelves around the house? See what you can find and your child's challenge is to fill a smarties tube or small pot. If you cannot find any change, why not sponsor your child to do something

such as getting ready in the morning without being asked, helping with chores etc. All donations can be brought into school when we return so keep your contributions safe until then.

Christian Aid are also asking children to get involved by writing a letter, poem, prayer or creating a piece of artwork offering thanks, praise or appreciation and sending it to a local supermarket, hospital or care home. For example, your child could write a note and put it on your refuse bin to thank the refuse collectors or decorate a stone and leave it on your doorstep for the postman to see.

Thank you Mrs Blairs, what fantastic ways of showing our love, care and support at such a challenging time. We look forward to you sharing your child's fundraising efforts and/or creative appreciations on their dojo portfolio or messages to their teachers.

I am also sharing a document that we have received into school this week. It is about surviving lockdown but many of the tips are generally useful too! Remember that there is a lot more information in the wellbeing section of our website too.

Well, that's it from me for now. I'm sure you are eagerly awaiting the government's plans for schools and I will write to you again once we know more.

Take care all! With very best wishes,

Mrs Machin



Mrs S. Machin  
Principal

## How to celebrate VE Day 75 from home

**Tomorrow, we celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Yes, we're staying at home to save lives, but this doesn't stop us joining in with the celebrations online or at home.**

Here's just a few ideas for how you can get involved:

- Following the two minute silence at 11am, the [Royal British Legion](#) will be hosting a VE Day 75 livestream, sharing stories and memories from those who served during the Second World War.
- At 6:55pm, Leader of Staffordshire County Council, Philip Atkins, will join people across the country on social media in a 'Cry For Peace Around The World'.
- Later in the evening, at 9pm, people are invited to enjoy a moment of celebration and thanksgiving by taking part in a televised UK-wide rendition of Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again'.
- Staffordshire's libraries service will be joining in commemorations throughout the day with war poetry readings, e-book recommendations, sharing old photos, memories and chat on their [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.
- The National Memorial Arboretum, which provides a focus for the nation's remembrance and commemorations, also has a [list of online activities](#).