



Helmsley CP School News

1 May 2020

Dear parents and pupils,

I hope you have all had a great week! I can't quite believe that today is the 1st of May. It is strange to think that usually during this time of year, our school is a busy place getting ready for National assessments but also planning all of the wonderful summer term events. I do hope that we will all be back soon so we can enjoy some of these community events that we all look forward to.

Next week as I am sure you are aware, Friday is a Bank holiday to celebrate VE day. You can find some information and activities within this week's newsletter about VE Day and how you can get involved.

Thank you for continuing to keep in touch with us. We enjoy receiving your emails and speaking to you on the phone. We are here to support in whatever way we can.

Have a lovely restful and safe weekend.

Best wishes,
Claire Lamb



What's going on?

The toy world is in the grip of a llama obsession as the woolly South American animals become the new industry sensation! At the American International Toy Fair in New York in February, there were llamas everywhere! Knitted, plush and sequined, small and large; llamas on mobile phone cases and swimming pool floats, llama diaries, puzzles and even backpacks.

Things to talk about at home...

What are your favourite toys at the moment? Talk about why you like them.

Can you remember any of your first toys?

If you can, ask someone older than you about their favourite toy. Would you have liked that toy?

Do you think when you become an adult you will still enjoy playing with toys? Why?

Click [here](#) to watch this week's virtual assembly

School News!



Lewis (Y4) came 54th out of 90 in a virtual Du Athlon! What a great achievement - Well done Lewis 😊

If anybody is interested in having a go please follow the link below
www.castletriathlonseries.co.uk

Congratulations Nyima!

Nyima's story 'The End of the World' has made it through to the second round!

There were 135, 000 entries and only 5000 of these get through to the next round of judging. This is the second year running that Nyima has made round 2. We are very proud of you Nyima! Good luck with the next stage.



Year 5/6 Home Intra Tennis Festival

The School Games have organised some sports competitions and the first one is Y5/6 'Home Intra Tennis Festival' starting next week. More information for Y5/6 to follow on Monday.



A Shared Moment Of Celebration



VE DAY 75 CANCELLATION ADVICE

I am afraid that the terrible Coronavirus emergency and consequent Government guidance means that we must advise participants to cancel or postpone the majority of the VE Day 75 community celebrations due to take place on the bank holiday weekend of 8th – 10th May. It is right and proper that people should be kept safe and healthy.

My sincere thanks to everyone who registered their events and were looking forward to celebrating VE Day 75. I know how disappointed you will be that these cannot now go ahead as planned. However, we are still encouraging solo pipers and town criers to continue to mark the occasion from a safe and suitable location.

We are also encouraging all those taking part to undertake the 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2' at 3pm on the 8th May, from the safety of their own home by standing up and raise a glass of refreshment of their choice and undertake the following 'Toast' – "To those who gave so much, we thank you," using this unique opportunity to pay tribute to the many millions at home and abroad that gave so much to ensure we all enjoy and share the freedom we have today.

However, you could take part in celebrations safely from home by joining your BBC Local Radio station initiative in making your own VE Day Great British Bunting. Download everything you need at [bbc.co.uk/makeadifference](https://www.bbc.co.uk/makeadifference)



VE DAY
75TH ANNIVERSARY
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION
8 - 10 MAY 2020

With the VE Day celebrations on hold how can you still get involved?

Below is an outline of where you can find information and resources linked to the VE Day 75th Anniversary celebrations. The official commemorations will begin at 11am with a national moment of remembrance and a two minute silence.

- Link for - [bbc.co.uk/makeadifference](https://www.bbc.co.uk/makeadifference) - mentioned in the above announcement. On this page you can follow the link to bunting templates and guides. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3yrtgmkfHBbsXfQfYkJP7CF/make-a-difference>
- Link to the government press release which gives an outline of things that are happening relating to VE day. On this you can find links to a template pack that includes; bunting, recipes and activities for children. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/her-majesty-the-queen-to-send-a-message-to-the-nation-to-mark-75th-anniversary-of-ve-day> Things that are happening include; history lessons for children from Dan Snow from Monday 4th May inc History Hit live on YouTube's Timeline channel (4pm Mon Wed Fri), phone calls with veterans, the Queen's address to the nation, a 'We'll Meet Again' singalong with Dame Vera Lynn.
- Link to the outline of BBC coverage. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2020/75-anniversary-ve-day>
- Dan Snow is holding a challenge/competition to bring VE Day to life by creating a report on it. This can be done in a variety of ways. This link gives you all the details and also gives you links to various online resources. <https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/dan-snows-ve-day-challenge/>