



# Helmsley CP School News

7 May 2020

Dear Parents and Pupils,

I hope you have all had a lovely week and enjoyed the sunshine over the last couple of days. I am sure many of you have made plans to mark the 75th anniversary of VE day albeit different to how you may have originally planned. I have heard of many creative ways to celebrate to such a special day!

As I am sure you are aware that on Sunday Boris Johnson will be addressing the nation with his plans to ease lockdown. I will be listening with you to ensure that we as a school are ready to follow the guidance. In the meantime have a lovely, restful and safe bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes,  
Claire Lamb



## Helmsley Fire Station

Thank you all very much for the rainbow pictures you kindly made for us all at the fire station, we really do value and appreciate your support for us. The crew were all very uplifted by the support that has been shown for us!





### What's going on?

Since 1945 the end of World War Two in Europe has been marked by Victory in Europe Day, better known as VE Day. On 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, Prime Minister Winston Churchill made an announcement on the radio at 3pm that the war in Europe had come to an end, following Germany's surrender the day before. This year, the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 will mark 75 years since the first VE Day! Until the current Covid-19 crisis struck, there had been plans to stage celebratory events and street parties in many places. Sadly, this has all had to be cancelled but many have chosen to celebrate virtually! Holding video parties, decorating our homes or baking to celebrate whilst we are all in lockdown!



### Question: What is VE Day?

Look at the poster image, have you heard of VE Day before? Why is this year special?

Watch the useful video below, what one word would you use to describe the emotions of the people who finally heard the announcement about the end of the war with Germany?

Following the announcement, huge crowds, with people dressed in red, white and blue gathered outside Buckingham Palace in London. They cheered as King George VI and his family, including Princess Elizabeth (the current queen) and Princess Margaret, came out onto the balcony to greet everybody. Princess Elizabeth and her sister were allowed to leave the palace and celebrate with crowds outside, although they had to do it secretly! The future Queen described it as "one of the most memorable nights of my life".

As 2020 marks the 75th Anniversary of VE Day with most of us inside our homes in lockdown, many are finding creative ways to celebrate online! With virtual street parties, decorating homes, dressing up and baking! Will you be celebrating? If so, how?

### Reflection

VE Day was a very special day in our history, the end of the war with Germany bringing with it, huge joy and celebration but also a chance for reflection. This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – a time for us to look back and think about an important time in our history.

### Web Links

**Ideas and activities to celebrate VE Day at home**  
<https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/toolkit/>

**Useful Video – What is VE Day and how can we celebrate this year?**  
<https://bit.ly/2Ws7NtU>