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Dear Parents,

### VE Day – 8<sup>th</sup> May

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well.

As you know, the 8<sup>th</sup> May is a Bank Holiday, and as such, we do not expect you to be completing learning activities on that day.

You will be aware that the Bank Holiday is on a Friday this year, and was planned this way so that the country could commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day together. There were many activities planned for the nation that day which will no longer be going ahead.

However, we are aware of a few events / activities that you might wish to get involved in as a family as part of this and details of these are as follows:

- The Queen will make a speech to the nation at 9am on 8<sup>th</sup> May – this is the exact time her father, King George VI addressed the nation 75 years ago.
- There will be a special programme on BBC One where people will join to sing 'We'll Meet Again', and Winston Churchill's historic speech will be broadcast too, providing an insight into life 75 years ago.
- Families are being encouraged to hold a picnic in their gardens at 1pm, and decorate their houses / gardens with flags and bunting.
- Raise a glass on your doorstep at 3pm – toast those who fought for our freedom 75 years ago, and each other, for continuing to keep to the lockdown rules and supporting the NHS.

There are also ideas on the school website – including colouring activities, make your own Spitfire, and other materials to help children learn about the significance of this day in history.

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Keefe

