



SPRING VALE PRIMARY



TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVING MORE

Keeping in touch newsletter No.1

HOME LEARNING

We understand how difficult it is to teach your children at home while some of you are working from home yourselves. Each Friday, our Home Learning section on our school website is updated by teachers: <https://www.springvaleprimary.co.uk/classwork-handouts> . You will also find a number of useful websites on this link: <https://www.springvaleprimary.co.uk/news>
Please do not worry too much about completing tasks. One of the most important things you can do with your child is to read to them and hear them read to you.

TIPS FOR KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

- **Explore:** Explore and understand the apps, games and sites your child uses and get to know your child's online world better
 - **Talk:** Chat to your child about their online world, just as you'd ask about their day at School
 - **Agree:** Set out the family rules to live well online. Discuss and agree ground rules and make sure you're a good role model
 - **Manage:** Make the technology work for you. Adapt privacy settings and use parental controls where necessary
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VE DAY 8TH MAY 2020

Victory in Europe Day - also known as VE Day - celebrates the Allied Forces accepting the Nazi's unconditional surrender from World War 2. The final document was signed on 8 May 1945. Today, countries throughout the world celebrate VE Day annually, on either 8 or 9 May.

How was VE Day celebrated in 1945?

There were street parties and parades throughout the Western world - especially in the UK and the USA. More than a million people took to the streets in Great Britain, with the greatest crowds in London. The day was declared a national holiday with pubs opening late.

The war was not fully over, however, as Japan had still yet to surrender (they would do so on 2 September 1945). Both Churchill (leader of GB) and Truman (leader of USA) echoed this fact in their broadcasts, citing the event as "a victory only half won".

For lots of people, the day was a solemn affair. Throughout Europe, wives had lost husbands and families had been torn apart by the war. VE Day was a chance to grieve and reflect.

Still, for many people of both nations, VE Day signalled an end. It gave them a glimpse of a future that was not entirely governed by a global war. And for the families who were lucky enough to be reunited with loved ones, it was a day worth celebrating.

How do we celebrate VE Day today?

Celebrations and remembrance services vary from place to place. In the UK, we generally celebrate VE Day with a 2-minute silence at 3 pm. It gives us a chance to remember the sacrifice made by those who lost their lives and to reflect on the unimaginable pain and suffering caused by the war. And it's for this reason that VE Day is still important today.

Activities for your children this VE Day:

To celebrate VE Day in 2020, here are some suggestions for children to do at home:

- ☉ A creative writing task where children imagine being a part of the celebrations
- ☉ Design a newspaper front page from the day
- ☉ Draw a picture of the celebrations in London

If you have any photographs of how you are celebrating or any work children have done for VE day, please email them in to school as we would love to see them.



RETURN TO SCHOOL

We are not yet sure when children will be able to return to school and think this might be mentioned in the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday. These are unprecedented times and as much we want children to return to school, the Government need to ensure it is safe for them to do so.

CONTACTING SCHOOL DURING CLOSURE

For any parent requiring help or advice during this time, the preferred method of communication is by email (springvaleprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk). These are checked by myself and Mrs Wynne many times during the day and at weekends. You can also leave a message on the school answering machine but please bear in mind that these are only checked approximately once a week so there may be a delay in us responding.

STAFFING FOR SEPTEMBER

Whilst we are fully aware that this academic year is still to be completed, we have been looking at staffing for next academic year. We will be in a position to let you know which teachers your children will have soon.

FINALLY.....

Please say hello to your children from us all at Spring Vale and reassure them that we WILL see them soon.

