

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

**80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary VE Day**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Dear Parents/carers,

As part of our commitment to helping children understand the importance of history and the values that shape our world today, we are excited to share our plans for a special day in school to mark the **80th anniversary of VE Day**.

On **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May**, we will be inviting all pupils to come to school dressed in **red, white, or blue** as we commemorate this significant event in British and world history.

During the day, we will be launching a thought-provoking whole-school project titled **"Why is peace worth celebrating?"**. This project will encourage children not only to reflect on the events of the past, but also to consider the ongoing importance of peace in our world today. Through a range of engaging lessons and discussions, pupils will explore what peace means to them and to society more broadly.

As part of this initiative, we are excited to announce a **Peace Garden Design Competition**. Children will be invited to submit ideas to transform part of our school field into a special **Peace Garden**, making use of existing seating and outdoor features. Over the course of the summer term, we will work together to bring this garden to life.

To support this, we will be holding a **sponsored silence – 15 minutes of peace** – in school to raise funds for additional garden items and resources.

We would love for our wider school community to be involved through our **"Plants for Peace"** campaign. We are seeking donations of plants, children's gardening tools, gloves, and other equipment to help bring our garden to life. If you, your business, or someone you know would be willing to donate materials or volunteer time, we would be extremely grateful.

Further details regarding the sponsored events and garden plans will be shared in the coming weeks. In the meantime, if you are able to offer any support, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office or your child's class teacher.

Thank you, as always, for your support in helping us create meaningful learning experiences for our pupils.

**Warm regards,**



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