



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and safe. A big thank you to all of you for keeping us updated with emails and photographs of children's work. This is a wonderful example of how our school community is working together for our children at this difficult time. We are so grateful for your continued support.

The responses to the staff video clips on our Facebook page have been so positive. Hopefully, these will give you additional ideas for fun activities to try at home. If you log onto the RSPB website you can take part in a variety of activities that will earn you a badge. Wild Challenge is free and fun, with enjoyable activities. All you need to do is create an online profile, and within a few quick and easy steps you'll be ready to get stuck in to a wild adventure! You can go as quickly or slowly as you like and they have a wide range of activities to suit your needs and location. There's something to do no matter what the weather brings!

Today, people all over the UK and in other countries of the world will turn their thoughts and attention to the 75th anniversary of VE day. This very important and historical day, back in 1945, marked the end of World War II in Europe. I have popped some ideas below to help you mark the occasion at home. Maybe you could try making a 1945 Egg-less chocolate cake or create some bunting to hang from your windows? We would love to see how you have celebrated this occasion at home with your families. Drop us an email to share!

Take care and stay safe.

Mrs R Kaminski
Head of School



NOTICES

VE Day – marking 75 years

Remember to visit our Facebook page on Friday, where you will be able to get interactive with us by sharing your photos on our VE Day post which will go live on the 8th.

We look forward to seeing how you decide to mark this special occasion during these unprecedented times: whether you have created your own decorations for an at home street party; baked a recipe from the wartime years or you could even share a poem or dress up in themed outfits from the era – we want to hear from you!

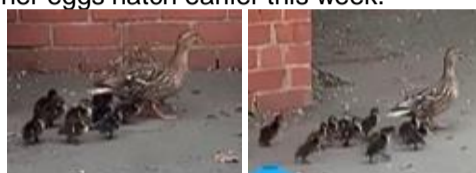


Updated DfE Guidance

The guidance for parents on the closure of educational settings has been updated by the Department for Education with additional information, regarding the resources and support available to help with home educating. Please [click here](#) to view.

Exciting News

We are so excited to let you know we now have our very own Tilstock School ducklings! The mother mallard who has chosen our school to build her nest saw her eggs hatch earlier this week.



Rest Easy Reminder

REST EASY have launched a song - [here](#), a competition for children to come up with the actions to the lyrics. We are hoping this can then be played in assembly and the children can do the actions when they are back in school. Details on how to enter are on the Rest Easy Facebook page where you can post your entry or you can email videos to emily@reasteasytraining.com



VE Day Activities

You can listen to Winston Churchill's speech [here](https://winstonchurchill.org/resources/speeches/1941-1945-war-leader/to-v-e-crowds/):
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VE Day: What is it, when is it and why do we remember?
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48201749>
Horrible Histories have produced this brilliant VE day so
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/horrible-histories-songs-ve-day-song>
How did people celebrate in 1945?
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr>

Headteacher's Award

Well done to all our children for their fantastic work! Please look out for our virtual Headteacher's assembly on our Facebook page, where I will announce this week's winners. I will also email parents to notify you individually.

Please continue to send their achievements to kaminski.r@mmt.com to be considered for next week's Headteacher's awards. Remember you can also share your home learning news with our school community in the pinned post on our Facebook page!



RSPB Badges

Are you ready to take on a Wild Challenge? You can help wildlife, explore nature and enjoy lots of wild, fun family activities. On the RSPB website you can tell them what you've done and work towards awards. Have you got what it takes to achieve gold?
<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning-for-families/family-wild-challenge/what-is-wild-challenge/>

Parent/Carer Survey

We really value your feedback and feel we have been working well with our pupils so hoping you can spare 5 minutes to complete the attached survey. Please click [here to take part](#).

Thank you in advance for your support.

Competitions & Challenges

Drama opportunity: The National Theatre are providing an online free streaming of four live productions which you would normally pay around £10 per ticket for. They are streaming every Thursday in April from 7pm. It is a chance for pupils, parents and staff to watch some prestigious theatre from home. Visit [here](#) to view the offering.

D&T competition: Rolls-Royce are running a fantastic competition, encouraging aspiring designers up to the age of 16 to design their dream Rolls-Royce of the future. Entries close at 12.00 on Monday 18th May 2020. Click the link [here](#), to find out more.

PE challenge: Gold medallist and British and European sprint record holder Mickey Bushell MBE will be setting pupils within The Marches Academy Trust a press-up challenge! Follow our Facebook page to find out more, take part and have an opportunity to win a medal.

History competition: The Historical Association are running a 'Write Your Own Historical Fiction Competition 2020'. Winning pupils will each receive a cash prize, engraved paperweight and a year's free subscription to the Historical Association for their school. Entries close Friday 26th June 2020, click [here](#) for more details.

WORSHIP



For worship-related activities this week, visit:
<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/lectionary/2020/106-march-april-2020-a/easter2/familiesathome>

This webpage is updated weekly, with a different Bible story and activities for children based on the story.

STAR STRUCK

Well...can you actually believe that we secured David Walliams to send you a very special message...we are still in shock and honored that he's taken the time to say hi - don't forget he has some amazing books out and you can see him each week on Britain's Got Talent. Visit his page by clicking [here](#).

Click [here](#) to watch our video.

Stargazing

Below is a list of astronomical sightings which students may want to keep an eye out for over the next month:

- 7th May – Milk Moon (Last Supermoon of 2020).
- 12th May – Close approach of the Moon, Jupiter and Saturn.
- 27th May – Comet Swan visible to the naked eye.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Shropshire Public Health Nursing Service	0333 358 3654
Compass	0345 678 9021
Early Help	https://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/
Parenting Team	01743 250950
SEND Local Offer	https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to the following pupils who are celebrating this week:
Liam, Andre, James, Jasmine and Dolly



WEBSITE QUICK LINKS



Please click on the following useful links to find out more.

- [News](#).
- [Home Learning](#)
- [Term Dates](#).



FACEBOOK

Please follow us on Facebook @[tilstockprimaryschool](#) for supplementary home learning ideas, news, competitions and feel good stories. We also encourage you to share your ideas and interact with our posts!

For news from across the Trust, why not also follow the @[MarchesAcademyTrust](#) page.

