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Dear Parents and Carers,



Awards! It is a “*Pinch and a punch, first of the month*” day, so as we start May it is time for **Headteachers Awards** for last month. **Well Done cards** need to be given out today too. (We have done Well done cards once a month rather than weekly during lockdown).

Attached with this letter you will find the second **Headteachers Award for ALL Parents and Carers** for great home schooling, and perseverance! There is also a **Well done Card for your child/children** to congratulate them on their hard work at home and their achievements. You may like to print the Well Done card off and add your child’s name, and then add the name(s) of those who have been busy doing the home schooling in your home to the Headteachers Award! The website photos show a percentage of the super work that teachers have been receiving. Thanks for sending them in.

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News about returning to school. You will have heard on the news yesterday that the Government plans to issue a statement next week about how schools will be opened up in the future. We have **no date yet** so don’t get too excited! Although I know you would really like to know times and dates, and that that would be a great help to you, I am afraid this information is not yet available. **What we do know is that it is very, very unlikely that all the children will be coming back to school on the same day when we are allowed to open** so we will all have to adjust to a different sort of school for a period when we can re-open.

I am very pleased that we can plan for our reopening, and have looked at possible ways in which we can have children back, so we are well prepared as soon as we get the official guidance. Of course the top priority in that planning is to minimise risk to the lowest possible level for your child/children and the staff. I will keep you informed and there should be more definite information for us all next week.

In the meantime, I hope that will help encourage you that you won’t be home schooling forever! Equally if you have loved every minute of this time home schooling with your child/children do prepare yourself for the news that there will be a plan for a return to school.

VE Day Celebrations We have tried to match ‘in and out of school’ celebrations so children can share their experiences. However, in school we will celebrate on May 7th as **school is shut for everyone on May 8th**.

Each year group learning pack will have activities linked to VE Day next week for your children to enjoy preparing but also to learn about why the day is held.

In school there will be a (socially distanced) street party for the children

- We will play a number of WW2 games (hopscotch, skipping, marbles, hide and seek)
- We will be singing 'We'll meet again', and a few other songs
- There will be a tea of homemade juice, cakes and sandwiches all made by the children

Whole school sing a long <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Nzy1cfnKh4&safe=active>

We are really hoping to join anyone/everyone's singing up if we can next week, so keep practising the beginning of '**We'll meet again**' and if we can make it happen we will!

I will send you details as early as possible next week.

Outside school we will put up our bunting and our Union Jack flag and will leave some WW2 posters for you to colour or write on. You will be welcome to take a poster home from the box we will leave outside school. It will be even better if you can use the colours provide (or bring you own if you prefer) and add them to our railings so everyone can enjoy them as they walk by that weekend.

This proved popular last week when we did our St George's Day messages and we hope you will enjoy taking part again.

Have a good weekend and stay safe,

Jane Spencer,

Head teacher.