



School Newsletter

With Christ we live, we love, we learn and we grow

VE Day 75th Anniversary 08.05.2020

Dear parents/ carers,

Well done once again to children, parents/ carers and staff on completing another week of home learning and well done on whatever you have been able to achieve. I continue to be impressed with the work going on, the way you are communicating with one another and the levels of innovation I am witnessing. Well done and thank you.

As well as all the learning being planned and carried out, meetings have been going on behind the scenes with Mrs Singleton (SENDSCO) and our staff continuing to provide high level support for our children with special educational needs and/ or disabilities and their parents. Staff have also been working hard planning for the arrival of our new cohorts of nursery and reception children next term.

During the week staff are working on a rota basis to provide childcare for children of key workers. They find new and interesting ways to keep them safe, occupied and entertained. Staff are supporting one another even when there is staff absence, to ensure that high standards of cleaning are maintained and that the children are well fed.

In addition, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Hargreaves have been working hard in keeping the school business function running and the Governing Body are also working behind the scenes supporting the school during this period.

Over the weekend, we are expecting information about lifting of lockdown restrictions and what that means regarding our children returning to school and nursery. We are awaiting that guidance and advice and we will be in touch with you as soon as we have something definite to report.

VE Day 75th Anniversary Commemoration

Today, the nation is commemorating the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. Mrs Grandi, as history subject leader, has prepared some lovely activities for the children to do based around this. The teachers will signpost you to them and they are also available on the school website next week under the Home Learning Tab. Here you will find a wealth of resources in many areas of learning which the staff and Mrs Hargreaves are constantly updating.

<https://www.chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk/home-learning>

Regarding the VE/ VJ commemoration, I have included again the letter below from Mr Clewlow, local historian, to share some information with you. I have attached the documents he sent with the letter for you to look at.

Dear Sir / Madam,

... This year we will acknowledge the 75th anniversaries of VE Day (Victory in Europe) on 8th May and VJ Day (Victory over Japan) on 15th August. Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Cllr. Aaron Beaver and I have worked together to issue the attached message and raise awareness of these very special anniversaries.

I would also like to draw your attention to a unique and very special online VE Day Remembrance Service. I have worked on this with Rev. Neil Kelley of St. Laurence's Church in Chorley and it will be available to view from 3pm on Friday 8th May. It is hoped that this service will act as an appropriate replacement for the cancelled public gatherings. It has been further enhanced by the inclusion of commentary from invited guests, local history, wartime footage and much more. The video can be viewed at www.stlaurencechorley.co.uk

Far from wanting to glorify conflict, we are commemorating the service of the wartime generation and celebrating the peace their actions brought us. It is a peace we still enjoy today and it has given us a way of life that we should not take for granted.

I do hope you can help and ensure that this message reaches as wide an audience as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Stu

*Stuart A. Clewlow, FRHistS
Local Historian, Chorley.*

Facebook: Chorley & District in World War Two

Message from the Governing Body

The Resources Committee of the Governing Body met this week online, using the popular Zoom platform and in fact, the governors will continue to meet over the coming weeks to support the work of the school. It was reported to the committee how well children, parents/ carers and school staff are doing in keeping a level of education going in these highly unusual times.

The Governors asked me to thank children, parents and staff for their hard work, effort, perseverance and achievements under very challenging circumstances. They also fully endorsed the message that all we ask is **simply do what you can; we know you are trying your best**, because they recognise each household will be facing different challenges and have different capacity to support home learning.

The Week Newspaper – Free online editions until 22.05.2020



Just a reminder to let you know we were contacted by *The Week Junior School Newspaper* which children in KS2 will be familiar with. It is being made available online and via an app for the next few weeks.

To access the digital edition, simply search "The Week Junior" in the iOS App Store and download the app. Once the app has downloaded, you will be able to read the magazine immediately. You can also access online at magazine.theweekjunior.co.uk or by clicking [here](#). They are also developing an Android app and we will notify us as soon as this is available.

Special Educational Needs and/ or Disabilities (SEND) Resources

Finally, I have also attached the latest SEND newsletter from Lancashire SEND team.

Have a good bank holiday weekend. Best wishes,

Patrick Smyth

Headteacher