



Federation Newsletter Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May

Dear Parents,

It is Friday again and we have all benefitted from yet another spell of good weather. We know that many of our families have been able to spend time in their gardens, with some even continuing with 'outdoor learning' and cooking, by barbequing.

Today, was planned as a Bank holiday, for us all to celebrate VE day. Victory in Europe (VE) Day on 8 May 1945 saw Britain and its Allies formally accept Germany's unconditional surrender after almost six years of war. It was at 15:00, when Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced on the radio, that the war in Europe had ended, following Germany's surrender the day before. Spontaneous celebrations broke out across the country and the Queen, then Princess Elizabeth, and her sister Princess Margaret, ventured out with a group of friends to experience the excitement in London. Due to the coronavirus outbreak, we know that many families still intend to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day within their own homes, rather than attend events planned in our village and school communities.

As part of their home learning KS2 children have been inspired by the VE celebrations work set and hopefully many have planned their 'Stay at Home Street Party'. We hope that many of us will join in/will have joined in at **11:00 for** a two-minute silence to commemorate the end of the war. On the TV there are many broadcasts including at:-

- **14:45** - in a special programme on BBC One, with extracts from Churchill's victory speech to the nation announcing the end of the war in Europe will be broadcast on TV
- **14:55** - solo buglers, trumpeters and cornet players will be invited to play the Last Post from their homes
- **15:00** - as Churchill's speech is broadcast, people will be invited to stand up and raise a glass in a national toast, saying: "To those who gave so much, we thank you"
- **20:00** - another BBC One special will feature Welsh soprano Katherine Jenkins, actor Adrian Lester and singer Beverley Knight, who will be performing some well-known songs from the 1930s and 40s. The programme will culminate in the nation being invited to sing along to a rendition of wartime classic We'll Meet Again
- **21:00** - the Queen's pre-recorded address will be broadcast on BBC One at the exact moment her father, King George VI, gave a radio address 75 years ago.

We continue to enjoy photographs, information and emails sent to us of the activities you are all doing at home. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher through the email addresses provided and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Class 1 teachers: [KS1@uwpf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:KS1@uwpf.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Class 2/3 teachers: [KS2@uwpf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:KS2@uwpf.n-yorks.sch.uk)

### **Welcome**

A warm welcome to Sophia and Isla Fox and Florence and Asher Green who have joined Burnsall School. We look forward to welcoming you all into our Burnsall School family.

### **A Message from Ian Simmons (Schools Games Organiser, Craven)**

To keep the idea of competition alive during the current situation, North Yorkshire Sport have some virtual competitions going now. They are open to all children aged 5-16.

Please see the link if your child is interested.

<https://www.northyorkshiresport.co.uk/virtual>



School Games Virtual Challenge. Welcome to the North Yorkshire School Games Virtual Challenge hosted by Teddy the Terrier. The virtual challenge is an activity that you can do in your home, yard or garden and gives you the chance to achieve your personal best and compete against other children from all across the county of North Yorkshire.

### **Interested in growing your own vegetables?**

Follow the planting advice for growing potatoes, lettuce and pot marigolds

[https://www.growtoschool.co.uk/?utm\\_source=North%20Yorkshire%20schools&utm\\_campaign=b5c7c15ae1-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_04\\_27\\_10\\_04&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_86a17f21d8-b5c7c15ae1-200921933](https://www.growtoschool.co.uk/?utm_source=North%20Yorkshire%20schools&utm_campaign=b5c7c15ae1-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_27_10_04&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_86a17f21d8-b5c7c15ae1-200921933)

### **Cober Hill Residential**

The annual Year 6 residential to Cober Hill that was due to taken place in a few weeks' time has been cancelled. Parents will receive a full refund of the monies paid.



### **Happy birthday this week to:**

Charlie from Burnsall and to Bobbie and Carter from Cracoe , have a great celebration.

### **Going Forward**

There is much speculation currently as to when schools will reopen, if it will be a phased return etc. All staff and our local authority advisers are working hard in preparation for whatever is decided by the government. We will inform all parents as soon as possible about arrangements for return to school for their children, when we have been given guidance by the government.

Please take care and stay safe,

Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall

Executive Headteachers