



Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you have all had a good week and are planning something fun to mark the 75th anniversary of VE day on Friday 8th May. The sun will hopefully shine so that you can make the most of a day without any home learning!

This week, teachers have been busy making phone calls to the pupils in their class and have really enjoyed hearing their news and touching base with them. If you have not received a call and wish to, please email the keystage email address with your contact details as teachers were not able to get hold of everyone on the contact numbers we have on the school system.

Teachers have also been busy recording a video of themselves reading a story for the children to enjoy. This coincides with the Save the Children UK campaign to raise funds to support the most vulnerable families during this pandemic, with celebrities reading stories to their own children. Therefore, it is a great way of supporting this national campaign as well as giving our pupils a way to reconnect with their teachers. To access the video clips, you will need to do the initial set up using the links below. You will be sent a class code by text message by Monday.

Link to login guide to google classrooms:

<https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/6072460?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>

Link to join a class guide:

<https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/6020297>

For any log in support queries - googleclassroom@twschools.org.uk

Videos will be available from Monday for you and your family to enjoy! If you have any difficulties accessing them, please email the keystage email address for support.

I hope the links below for resources and ideas are useful in providing support for your wellbeing and that of your family.

<https://www.healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk/advice-and-information/2020-04-27/mental-health-services-children-and-young-people>

A useful resource for children to record their positive choices and routines:

https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19_Resources/Resources_for_parents/Supporting_home_learning_routines_-_Planning_the_day.pdf

Daily creative challenges for the month of May:

<https://64millionartists.com/our-work/create-to-connect/>

An app from the BBC for older children to monitor their feelings and send positive text messages to friends and family:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.bbc.ownit>

Nature activities to access from home:

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/forest-fix>

Free fun phonics games many of the children will be familiar with:

<https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Finally, while writing this newsletter, I am waiting with interest for the imminent announcement regarding the easing of some aspects of the lockdown and how this will affect schools reopening. Following this announcement, should there be Government Guidance about schools reopening, please do not email school with queries as it will take some time for us to plan the next steps and I will write to you as soon as we have confirmed what action we will be taking.

As always, stay safe and keep positive!

Yours sincerely,
Mrs C. Addis