

Elm Green Newsletter



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Summer Term Issue 3

Thank You to Everyone

As we embark on our third week of remote teaching and learning, I want to let you know how proud we are of you all. The way you have responded to this new virtual, remote and digital style of schooling has so impressed us. We know that the role of parents is vital in this and we are grateful to all parents for their significant assistance, not just with the technology but in helping the children to organise their work, to make time for breaks and in maintaining the children's other interests and general well-being. Thank you!

VE Day—Friday 8th May—A Bank Holiday

There is no school on Friday because it is a Bank Holiday to commemorate VE Day. This marks the celebration of the end of World War 2 in Europe on May 8th 1945—75 years ago. Normally we would be enjoying some theatre groups and other events with a Street Party in school but sadly this isn't possible in 'Lockdown' but as Winston Churchill said in 1945, 'We may allow ourselves a brief period of rejoicing' and this includes a day without school! Nationally there are many remote celebrations going on. People have been asked to make red, blue and white bunting to adorn their houses and Bletchley Park (the government's communications headquarters throughout the war) is asking people to send this together with any photos or videos of virtual parties or celebratory events to them so they can create a real celebration atmosphere when they re-open. There will be many events including a 2 minute silence at 11.00am, a speech by the Queen in the evening and a country wide sing along of 'We'll Meet Again.'

Please let us know how you will be marking the occasion...perhaps you can create a new recipe for Ration Cakes? Below is a photo of a previous Street Party to commemorate the School's 70th Birthday and VE Day. Can you recognise which class of children it shows?





Inspirational

Colonel Tom Moore celebrated his 100th Birthday recently and is now taking a short rest after raising over £30 million for the NHS. Some of our children found this quite inspirational. See below:-

Our names are Ed, Samuel, Kian, Josh and Jake. We are a group of boys in Year 4, at Elm Green. We've been inspired by the amazing NHS and have decided to try and raise some money for them.

We are challenging ourselves by each cycling a distance of 25 km. All the money raised will go towards the Mid and South Essex Hospitals Charity - this is the combined charity of Southend, Broomfield and Basildon Hospitals. We are going to try to get a combined distance of 125 km. Don't worry, we will be maintaining social distancing by doing the event separately. We will aim to complete the challenge by the end of May. Any sponsorship is welcomed - no amount is too small. Contact admin for the link if you would like to sponsor them.



More Acts of Kindness—Penelope and Malina

Pictured above is Penelope in Y2 setting out on her own 2.6 Challenge (a 2.6 mile run) which she completed with focus and determination to raise a substantial sum for Childline. Another amazing achievement. Please contact admin for the link if you would like to support her efforts and donate to such a good cause—well done Penelope!

Malina in Kindergarten decided that she was missing the dinner ladies and their chocolate cookies. She started to collect the equipment and some of the ingredients and with mum's help made a delicious cake for the dinner ladies who really appreciated Malina's very kind thoughts and the cake! Well done and thank you.



One of our parents saw this and thought of our teachers who she said are so committed and caring

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