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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Tomorrow marks 75 years since Victory in Europe Day (VE Day). I hope everyone can spend some time reflecting on those that fought and gave their life during World War 2 so that we can, even in hard times, enjoy the freedom we have with our friends and family. Corporal Tom, who has raised over 30 million pounds for NHS charities, is a shining example of the resilience and determination that those who served in World War 2 had. I am sure by the end of this pandemic we will all be stronger and more resilient!

### The Big Sing 2020

Thank you to all those who have shown an interest in taking part in the Big Sing 2020! This initiative brings together the voice of children all across Wakefield, singing together to create one unified sound. The songs that you have recorded need to be submitted by 1pm tomorrow. If you are unable to submit to school by this time please send videos directly to the Big Sing on [wmsbigsing@outlook.com](mailto:wmsbigsing@outlook.com), I look forward to seeing the end result!

### Halfpenny Lane – Primary Hub 2

As you may have read in a previous communication, Halfpenny Lane is reopening as a Primary Hub for certain children who attend Halfpenny, Carleton Park, Larks Hill and Orchard Head. There is no official date as to when schools will be reopening to pupils however we continue to follow Government guidance to ensure that when we do open, we can do so safely to protect both our children and staff.

### Work Packs

Tomorrow we will release new work packs for children to complete at home. These work packs are more project based so that our children can apply a range of skills from different subjects within one theme. I hope the children enjoy completing the work in the new packs. If you do require a printed copy of this, or the previous one, please email our admin address at: [admin@halfpenny.patrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@halfpenny.patrust.org.uk) and we will have packs ready for collection from Halfpenny Lane next week. Here is a list below of other free online resources that you can use as part of your learning routine:

- **Oak Academy** - <https://www.thenational.academy/> - This website provides lessons for every subject which is led by a teacher through a video. Children can work independently whilst following the support and guidance from the teacher.
- **BBC Bitesize** - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> - BBC bitesize offers a range of subjects and activities for children to complete online. To help children, there are support videos to watch. Again, this is pupil led and means adults only need to supervise rather than 'teach' the work provided.
- **White Rose Maths Hub** - <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/> - White Rose Maths Hub offer free Maths resources for all areas of maths.

### Pastoral Telephone Calls

Our teachers are continuing to call their class children once every other week to catch up and make sure they are okay. It may be that they talk about what they have been learning, anything they may have struggled with, anything exciting that they have done at home (you have all been fantastic and done so much) and enjoy keeping in touch. I thank you for your support with this and I know the teachers enjoy the calls just as much as the children do!

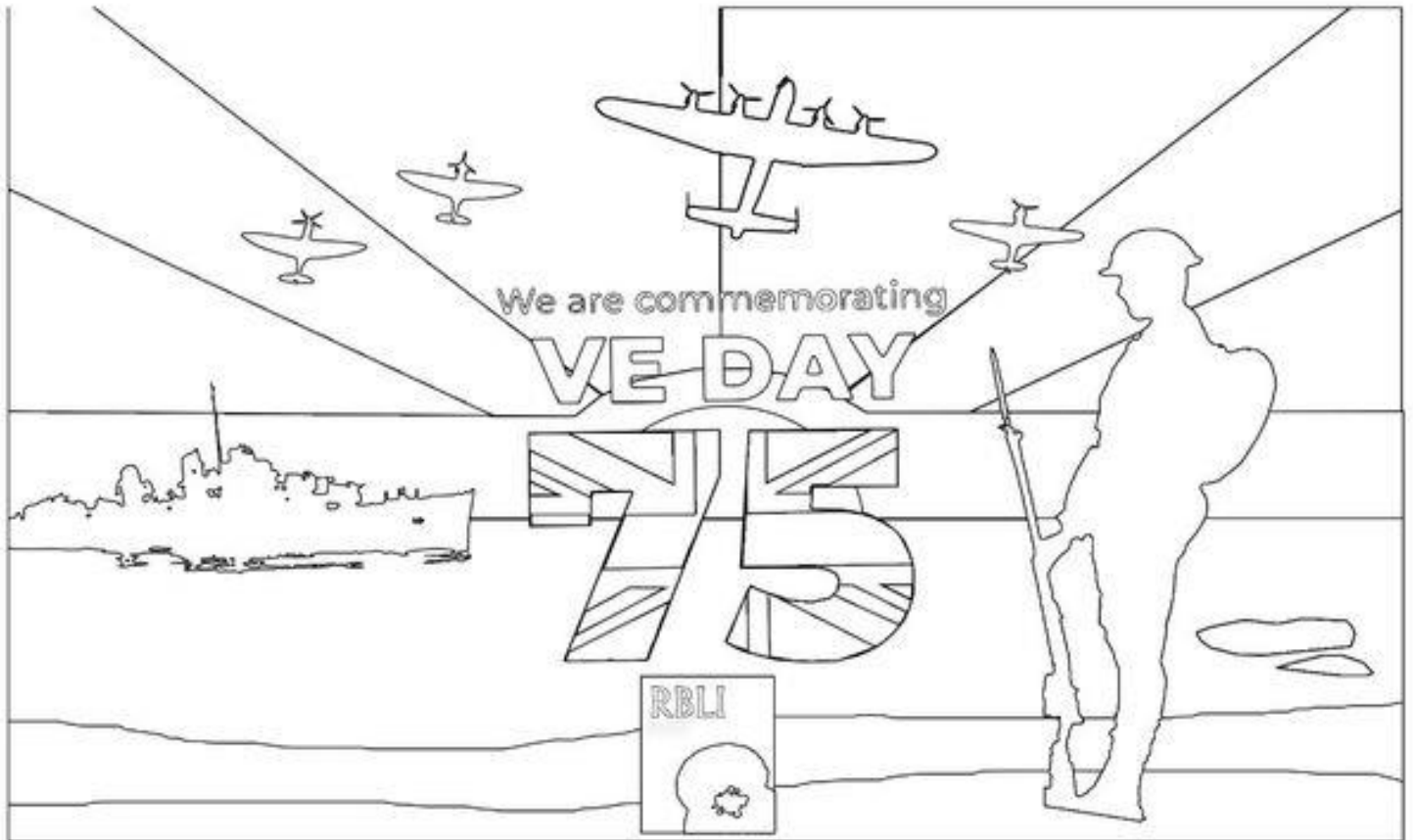
### Miss Steer – Mindfulness & Well being

If you need any more support with wellbeing and mindfulness I'd like to direct you on twitter to Miss Steer's mindfulness page @skills\_w\_frills She is doing daily mindfulness sessions live on YouTube. Miss Steer has supported our Year 6 pupils for the last couple of years and her mindfulness sessions are fantastic. If you would benefit from this, I recommend you check this out.

Thank you.

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School

VE Day activities



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## VE Day

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- europe
- VE day
- allies
- surrender
- street party
- Churchill
- home front
- celebrate
- speech
- flag
- world war

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