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We hope everyone is keeping well and rising to the challenges of home learning. Logins for Yumu –our online music platform – have been sent to children's DB email accounts. Miss Gutteridge's video lessons will be added each Thursday. We have a revised Child Protection Policy which is effective during the closure – this is on the home page of the school website along with a Digital Safety & Well-being Bulletin.

### Have fun learning, stay in and stay safe.

Here are a few more suggestions for our Jar of Joy.




Go to Pizza Hut  
Jared

To see my friends and family face to face rather than online  
Casey

Take my class outside in the beautiful weather to do some outdoor learning and have some fun!  
Miss O'Keeffe

**Please note that we do not intend to be open on 8<sup>th</sup> May VE Bank Holiday.** Schools are remaining open **only** for the children of Key Workers critical to the ongoing management of Covid-19 that **are unable to safely stay at home**. If there is an alternative adult, such as a partner or second parent who is not a critical worker, parents may be questioned as to why the child/ren is/are not able to stay at home as per the Government's guidance. **If the other adult is working at home or able to take leave from their non-critical job, this will be deemed as a safe alternative** (as per Essex LA guidance for schools). The school is currently open for those who meet the criteria in the above paragraph, BUT this will only be on the school days where we have been advised that childcare provision is required. This is so that we only open when absolutely necessary thus supporting the Government's non-essential travel guidance. Therefore a place **must be 'booked'** for your child to attend a school day and, for those who require it, there can be the provision of a free-of-charge after-school club ending at 4.15p.m. Please email to book your child's place under the subject title 'Critical Worker Childcare Required' **giving a minimum of 24 hours' notice**. Please use the admin email address ([admin@st-andrewscofe.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-andrewscofe.essex.sch.uk)), which will be monitored on a daily basis, so that we can arrange a provision to meet your needs.

**Dancing Darren's Online Stream:** This week's dance is **Musicals** (until Wed 6<sup>th</sup> May). Go to <https://www.dancedays.co.uk/remote> (also on DB and the homepage of the school website). Dances will continue to be uploaded each Thursday and May's password will be emailed to DB soon.

Play with my dog Roxy in the garden and talk to my friends on facetime. Beatrix		Make cookies... Eat the cookies! Barnaby
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### St. Andrew's VE Day Celebrations Lockdown Style!

As I am sure you are all aware, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May marks 75 years since VE day and the end of World War II. Unfortunately, due to lockdown and school closures, we will be unable to take part in celebrations as we would have liked. However, that will not stop us from marking this important occasion in style! Next week, we plan to have a VE day-theme week and our teaching team have been busy organising some wonderful tasks and activities for the week. All Selection Box tasks and activities will be based on VE Day and teachers will link their maths and English to the celebrations. Your children could be organising a 'house party' or 'garden party' (as opposed to a street party), researching and putting together a playlist of 1940s music; designing invitations and making bunting for the celebrations on Friday. They may be asked to write a VE day – themed poem or letter of thanks to the soldiers. The four days of exciting and engaging tasks will culminate in your own VE Day Celebrations on Bank Holiday Friday. We'd love to see photos of your celebrations! They can be sent to your child's class teacher to upload to the DB Primary VE Day Celebrations Community. Please read the Guide to Sharing Photographs sent with this newsletter before sending in pictures. Have fun and stay safe!

Mrs Rogers



St Andrew's Church are adding children's activities to their website each Thursday at: [www.marksteychurch.org.uk](http://www.marksteychurch.org.uk)  
They are fun for children of all ages and adults too!

  
**KEEP CALM  
AND  
COMMUNICATE**

The LSAs are now available on DB to support home learning and well-being. You can send them an email if you need help, or just to say hi and let them know how you're doing.

### Online Help

If you have problems logging in to DB or MyMaths, please email [admin@st-andrewscofe.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-andrewscofe.essex.sch.uk) giving your child's name and year group. Type DB Access or MyMaths Access as the subject and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

**Well Done to Miss Peck** who did her own version of the London Marathon over the weekend – with appropriate social distancing of course. Miss Peck walked a total of 26 miles raising £400 for the Big Night In, which some of you may have watched last Thursday. She would like to thank staff, parents, children and the local community for their support and generosity.

If you have been doing anything to support our critical workers, charities or organisations please let your teacher know and you may be able to feature in the Newsletter.



**Dear God, thank you for the NHS and the keyworkers helping us through the current situation and who risk their lives for others. Thank you for our family and friends who make us smile and are always there for us. Thank you for the technology so we can contact our family. Thank you for those people who clap for the NHS and do their jobs at home. Help us to fight the virus and stay calm and strong. Amen.**

By Connie, Oscar & Lacey Fitzpatrick (Year 4)