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As the sun shone on VE Day 75th Anniversary celebrations we still fight our own invisible battle. The sense of community and hope, just like during the war, continues. This can be seen from your photographs which will be uploaded to the VE Day 2020 Community page on DB Primary by next week.

Thank you to everyone who has shared their celebrations and to Year 4, whose bunting looked fantastic on the school fence on Friday.

Have fun learning and stay safe.



VE Day

VE Day remembers the end of the war
Where all soldiers saw what they saw.
They saw guns and bombs and planes in the air
Run for cover and take care.
It is important we remember those that fought
And the lessons from this that we are now taught.
A two-minute silence helps us to reflect
And also shows a mark of respect.
By Frank (Year 6)

Update on the Government's recent announcement in relation to the proposed return to school for children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6.

The proposed changes are in addition to the existing arrangements for children of key workers and vulnerable groups (as below). We are currently scrutinising guidance from the Government and the Local Authority to inform our planning for the proposed return to school for the identified year groups. This is a complex process with the well-being of children and staff, alongside the Health and Safety requirements being key to our considerations. We also acknowledge that parents will be seeking reassurance that the school has robust plans in place. The Governing Body will also be involved in the discussions as part of their statutory responsibilities. We aim to be in a position to share our plans with parents next week. We thank parents and carers for their very much valued support for the school, and for each other, during this very challenging time for us all.

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), which will be monitored on a daily basis, so that we can arrange a provision to meet your needs.

Ask Alexa to
play music
and dance to
the beat.
Ella



Go for a
bike
ride.
Oscar



Dancing Darren's Online Stream:
Dances are uploaded each Thursday and your password has been emailed via DB. Go to <https://www.dancedays.co.uk/remoted> (also on DB and the homepage of the school website).

Look out for **Miss Gutteridge's music video** for this week on Yumu!

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



To see Miss O'Keeffe and all my friend and have a sleepover at nanny and grandad's house
Dulce

To have a games night with my family
Mrs Rowe

To go to an open day at the fire station
Austin



Year 5 v. Year 6
This epic battle finishes tomorrow. Yr5 are currently in the lead by a fair amount... The final result will be announced next week!

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LOOK OUT... ...for video stories from the Open the Book team: <https://www.facebook.com/OpentheBookuk/videos/2543128015902242/>

Dear God, thank you for helping our families and friends stay safe and healthy, and for the sunshine to keep us happy. Thank you for our parents that take care of us, to the key workers and for our teachers who continue to help us learn. Please help all the sick people and protect our families. Give me strength when I am frightened and keep me happy when I am sad. Amen
By Mia, Eddie, Austin, Beatrix, Casey and Rosie (Year 2)