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St Ignatius Catholic Primary School

'An inspired learning community with Jesus Christ at the centre'

Dear Parents & Carers,

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Emergency Contact Number

Mr Bartram has the school mobile which will be on between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, for emergencies only. Please call 07956 662797 should you need to speak to him.

Other contact methods are still available – Class Dojo, school phone number, and office email admin@stig.bkcat.co.uk

Big Singalong

Our school has registered for the Big Singalong events. They are online singing festivals which are running throughout the summer term and is a musical celebration of 10 years of Wakefield Music Education Hubs Big Sing events and Vocal Strategy! They are having several Big Singalong Days and want to make this the biggest Big Sing ever!

Our first 'Big Singalong Day' is on Tuesday the 12th May to correspond with International Nurses Day. The aim and singing challenge for this is to get as many people to learn, perform, record and share the song 'ONE' as the official launch to this online singing festival. We will be attempting to go live on Facebook at 11am on Tuesday 12th for anybody that wants to join us in actual real time! This will be for about 20/30 minutes and will involve some warm ups, performance of the ONE song and launch of a new song 'Right There With You' for International Nurses Day. It would be particularly great if all our young people in school could come together at that point and any additional videos or footage would be great! If you make sure you like and follow the Big Sing Facebook Page www.facebook.com/WMSBigSing2020 and accept the event invite <https://www.facebook.com/events/1451660208369705/> this should then send you notifications/reminders.

You can also find resources on our **YouTube Channel:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE5GyDSNAKHxz2i4WpXxpGQ>

Keep making music, keep singing and keep smiling!

Home learning

Thank you for completing the home learning survey. It actually closes at 2pm today and therefore you still have time to fill it in if you would like to. Please click on the link below and instructions are there to follow.

<https://tinyurl.com/y7tfexla>

We appreciate your lovely comments and take account any feedback from parents too; we have held remote meetings to action any points which you have raised.

Parish Communication

Our Parish community is here to help you at this difficult time. There are a number of groups working hard to support parishioners and other local residents. Please share this message with anyone you know who is in need of assistance.

Fr Richard is available and can be contacted on 01924 275824

Brenda Burnley is coordinating a Parish support group, which can help with friendly phone calls and shopping and can be contacted on 07969553243

Christine is the point of contact for the SVP who are available to support you in many ways and can be contacted on 07595181363.

Catholic Care, the Leeds Diocesan Community Response service, is offering a wide range of support and can be contacted on 07739975001, 07739975008 or 07739975009

Reflection

On this day, 8 May, 75 years ago, the Allies formally accepted the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany.

VE Day as we know it was a day of huge celebration, with crowds gathering, family, friends, neighbours, strangers hugging and dancing, all barriers removed with royal princesses slipping away to party with the people...

The War was not ended - fighting was still hard in the Southern Hemisphere, the death toll was still rising, the full horrors of what had happened in the Concentration Camps was still not known, prisoners of war were still suffering in camps and the awful power of nuclear bombs was yet to be released.

But for today and following 6 years of fear and hardship which had incorporated most of Europe falling to the Nazi army, the defeat and near massacre at Dunkirk, the very real threat of invasion thwarted by the Battle of Britain, the dreadful terror of the Blitz, rationing and deprivation, the evacuation of children to live with strangers and the conscription of millions to fight and so many to suffer and die, there was a moment of respite and joy - there was finally an end in sight.

In this time of CoVid-19, we are perhaps closer to understanding a little of that time than we have been before. A colleague was talking to a neighbour who was explaining being 17 on VE Day: we've had 6 weeks of lock down (7 now of course!), they had 6 years of society being all but locked down.

Today we are called to a moment of celebration in our homes, to remember those millions who died and to recommit ourselves to peace.

Perhaps a day too to remember in our own difficult situation that "this too shall pass".

Today's Gospel hears Jesus tell His disciples

Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me

This day, this long weekend, perhaps is a time to put aside for a moment the troubles of this time, to trust in God and allow ourselves to rest and be renewed, ready to be of service again.

VE Day 75 Prayer

Lord God our Father,

we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind, in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.

Guide us by your Spirit;

give us wisdom;

give us courage;

give us hope;

and keep us faithful now and always.

Amen



Let us continue to work together and stay strong. We will meet again.

Mr S Bartram