



# *St Mary's Catholic Primary School*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am going to begin with some fantastic news this week. We are immensely proud to have been awarded, for the second year in a row, the 'All Together School' Gold Award in recognition for our work in reducing bullying and improving the wellbeing of all our pupils.

This award is not saying that bullying won't happen at St Mary's, but recognises that as a school, we work hard to follow up any concerns promptly and have raised the profile of anti-bullying in order to make it easier for children to speak out and for us all to deal with any issues. Even though this award has been achieved we will be continuing our work on anti-bullying – including Anti-bullying Week (during 11th to 15th November 2020)



Our special thanks go to Mr Lakatos who led on this throughout the year. Well done to everyone.

This week it has been business as usual at St. Mary's with regards to meetings. On Monday evening Mrs Watts lead a 'Zoom' staff meeting that focussed on that focused on connection before correction using an approach called PACE+. On Tuesday we had a Full Governing Body meeting which was very well attended.

Tomorrow is the 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration of VE Day. 8 May 1945 – VE (Victory in Europe) Day – was one that remained in the memory of all those who witnessed it. It meant an end to nearly six years of a war that had cost the lives of millions; had destroyed homes, families, and cities; and had brought huge suffering and privations to the populations of entire countries. Millions of people rejoiced in the news that Germany had surrendered, relieved that the intense strain of total war was finally over. In towns and cities across the world, people marked the victory with street parties, dancing and singing.

It is an important part of our history and essential that we remind the children of this significant event. This week many children have participated in different activities. Here are some of them to share with you.

Lots of things have been happening including reading comprehensions, bunting, writing invitations, making WW2 planes, Morse Code, drawing of medals, pictures of real medals, poetry, word searches and pictures. Well done everybody.

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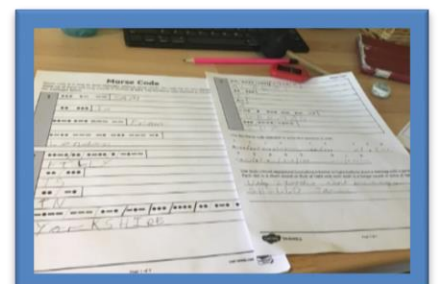
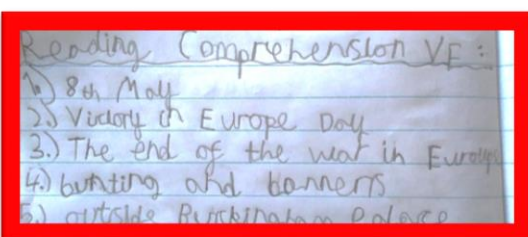
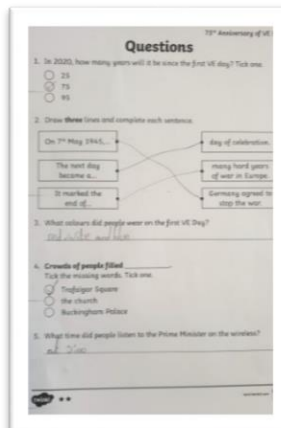
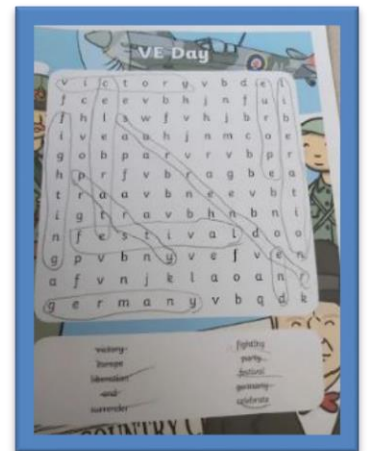
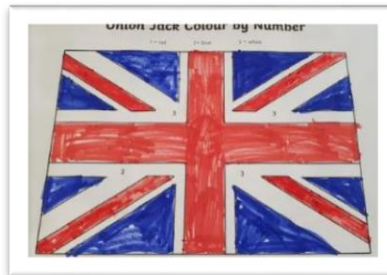
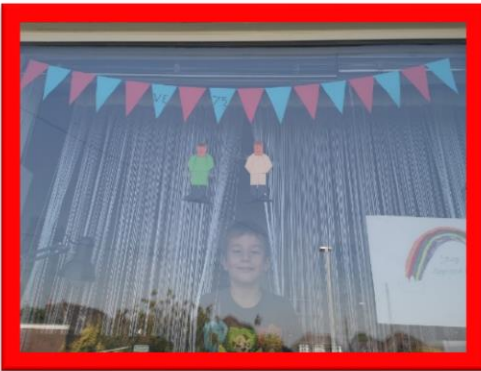
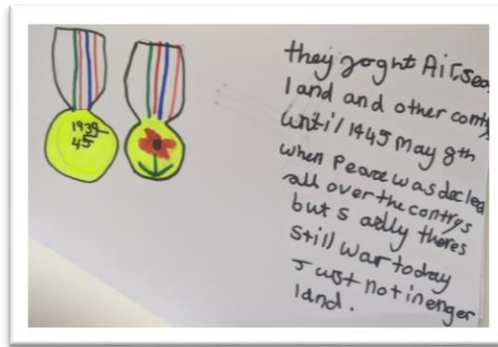
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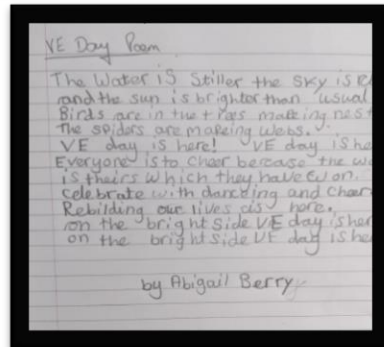
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## VE Day Poem

The war is won,  
It's VE Day,  
Wild excitement fills the air,  
Grown ups busy, children play,  
All day everyday,  
No matter the weather,  
Money goes to help the poor  
Beer and whiskey flow like  
water  
Hoarded for this special day.



Thank you for all those who have completed the questionnaires for us about the 'Home Learning'. So far we have had 17 questionnaires returned. If we could ask that you return your questionnaire by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May then we can collate the results and feedback to you and make any necessary changes.

I loved the challenge set in our Foundation Stage this week to help the grown ups with the cleaning!

Well done Miss O'Donoghue!



The Value this week was 'Creativity' and I posted my liturgy on Monday on the classrooms as well as on the website.



Please remember if you need to get in touch with anyone in school you can call the office between 8.30 and 3.15pm or you can send in an email. If it is about school work please use this email address [support@st-marys.poole.sch.uk](mailto:support@st-marys.poole.sch.uk) and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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