



SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2020

ST COLUMBA'S FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

HELLO FAMILIES OF ST COLUMBA'S "TO THOSE WHO GAVE SO MUCH, WE THANK YOU"

We hope you are well, doing some good learning and managing some fun and fresh air as well. This week we are offering a slightly different set of activities - more for Friday than for Sunday. Friday is the rescheduled Bank Holiday - normally it would have been on Monday. But the date marks the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe, or VE Day. It is the day that the fighting of the Second World War stopped, at least in Europe. If we mark the Anniversary, it asks us to remember what the wartime generation went through and to consider, if and how, we make the best of what they won for us. Part of St Columba's own history is that the original St Columba's building was destroyed in May 1941. Amazingly, through the energy, determination, creativity and generosity of so many people, the "new" St Columba's was dedicated and opened, only ten years after the war ended. We are so fortunate to have a beautiful, light, building which can be shared for music, prayers, food, sports, dancing and even sleeping. For details about how to mark VE Day on Friday 8th May go to <https://www.veday75.org/>. Pipers will play Battle's O'er and VE 75 years at 3pm, as well as Town Criers, Crying out for Peace at 6.55pm in a similar way. While the Pipers are playing Battle O'er and the recorded speech by Prime Minister Churchill is being broadcast, people are encouraged to stand at 3pm and undertake the Nation's Toast, using the words "TO THOSE WHO GAVE SO MUCH, WE THANK YOU." It is an opportunity to pay tribute to the many millions at home and abroad, military and civilian, who gave so much, to ensure we can enjoy many of the freedoms we share today.

There are bunting templates attached for children to colour and display outside the home on Friday - do remember to send photos to us c/o the Church Office when you have your display up. We would love to see them all. The BBC also has its own bunting resource here <https://bbc.in/3droHiO>

For Key Stage Two Children here is an online resource about VE Day <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr>

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You will also find wonderful resources on <https://www.twinkl.co.uk> and <https://www.activityvillage.co.uk> - just search VE Day.

Come Sunday - if you are looking for ideas, why not make a different set of St Columba's bunting, creating designs to show the life and building of our church family. Have a sunny VE Bank Holiday,

Angus & the Sunday School/Creche Leaders