

You're receiving this newsletter a day earlier as tomorrow is officially a Bank Holiday that marks the 75th Anniversary of VE Day which was the official end of World War II in Europe. Had we been in school, we would have been celebrating this joyous event with a school party and celebrations but instead we will all have to content ourselves with 'virtual' parties with friends and extended family and celebrations in the safety of our own homes with our immediate families. We know that during this period in time, the war had caused great hardships for the entire country so we

know that VE Day was a joyous day in history and a time of great celebration. The people at the time had so much hope for a brighter and peaceful future.

Right now, we are going through our own period of time which will also be remembered as a time in history when as a country we are being asked to unite and stand together. We are lucky that unlike during the war time, young children are not being evacuated and men and boys are not being asked to go to war and fight battles. Instead what we are being asked to do is stay at home where we are safest and for many of us this means with the people we love most in the world. VE Day just shows us that better times will come and we will all be together again soon we hope! But until that day, please follow the Government advice and stay at home and stay safe.



Like many charities who are struggling at this time, Wirral schools have been made aware of the challenges being faced by Wirral St John's Hospice. 60% of its fundraising is usually done through their charity shops and obviously this has dried up. They have launched an urgent appeal and so Wirral Primary schools have come together to support them and the amazing work they do. The idea schools have had collectively is that instead of having a school **non-uniform** day, we will have a **'uniform day at home'**

where children wear their uniform for home schooling! It is hoped that by supporting a 'backwards non uniform day' we can try and raise some funds for the Hospice. There is a link to the Hospice 'just giving page' below and you will see that Wirral schools have already raised a substantial amount.

We are proposing to hold our **'uniform day at home' next Friday 15th May**. If you are willing to take part and make a small donation please follow the 'just giving' link which we will also share on our Facebook and Twitter pages and via SEESAW. This seems like a small way where we can make a difference to people who really need it. The money you donate will go directly to the Hospice. We are hoping that together we can make a difference.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/heswallprimaryfundraising?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=heswallprimaryfundraising&utm_campaign=pfptweet&utm_term=39f0bdec248e45d68aebd3f2ca988550



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**Our VALUE of the month is
DETERMINATION.**

**It has been great to see some examples of
how children are showing 'determination'
by setting themselves goals and challenges.**



We continue to love seeing all the examples of children working at home. Thank you to all the parents who are supporting their children so brilliantly. We have seen lots of preparations for VE Day happening this week too.

**Next week, staff will deliver more 'home learning packs' to all children in Years 1 to 6.
We hope these resources are a help.**



NEVER ALONE

NSPCC
0808 800 5000
(24hrs)

Mind
0300 123 3393
(Mon-Fri 9-6)

Cruse Bereavement
0800 808 1677
(Mon-Fri 9-5)

Action on Elder Abuse
0808 808 8141
(Mon-Fri 9-5)

Samaritans
116 123
(24hrs free)

National Domestic Abuse Helpline
0808 2000 247
(24hrs free)

Victim Support
0808 168 9111
(24hrs)

ChildLine
0800 1111
(24hrs)

Respect - Men's Advice Line
0808 801 0327
(Mon-Fri 9-5or8pm)

National Centre for Domestic Violence
0207 186 8270

**Support
for
Families**

Wirral

Community NHS Trust's Health Visiting Service have highlighted a number of numbers that people might find useful during this time of crisis.

We know many families are struggling financially during this very difficult time and there is support available via the **Wirral Council website**. You can directly apply for an emergency food parcel or financial support via the website - www.wirral.gov.uk



On Sunday, we are expecting an announcement from the Prime Minister about how the exit plan from 'lockdown' will be phased. We are hoping school's will be given some clear direction as to what will be expected in terms of re-opening. There are so many things to be considered and our primary concern will always be the safety and well-being of the children in our care. As soon as we have received this update and we have collaborated with the Local Authority, I will write to you again. Until then, try and enjoy your weekend and please share any photos you take of your own family celebrations to mark VE Day. Stay safe and take care. Mrs Ralph

*Someday
we will look back on this
moment and it will forever
remind us to never take the
little things for granted. It will
remind us to hug with all our
hearts, to pause to appreciate
holding someones hand, and
to live in the moments that we
are surrounded by others.*

Please try and stay positive during these sad and difficult times and look after those in your households. Stay safe and PLEASE take care. Mrs Ralph

