

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Hope you are all safe and well and keeping busy with your home learning. It was lovely to celebrate VE Day with our key worker children on Friday. We made bunting to decorate our picnic spot, made red, white and blue biscuits, flew paper spitfires and enjoyed a fly-by by a real spitfire. I hope you all enjoyed the bank holiday and managed to have your own picnic celebrations too. Many children are still producing some great work at home. Congratulations to Vinnie in Year 6 who won a competition to design the Whitchurch Alport FC kit.

Something to look forward to - Mrs Price has won free entry tickets for the whole school to visit Chester Zoo. All the staff are really looking forward to taking the whole school there in January 2021

We have received a lot of positive feedback from our parents through Seesaw posts, Facebook comments and through telephone conversations between parents and teachers. Thank you for these lovely comments. I hope you will all join me in thanking all the staff who have been working tirelessly at school and at home, many through the holidays, to provide appropriate home learning and deliver key worker provision.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Zillah Cope

Headteacher



Stars of the week

Congratulations to our stars this week:

Fir – Austin Bonell
Willow – Adriana – Maria Canceu
Maple – Alistair Gardiner
Rowan – Callum Molony
Elm – Eliza Goodall
Oak – Daniela Sirsnina
Beech – Annie-Rose Edwards



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Pupils Work

Pupils celebrating VE day



NOTICES



School Return

The Government have issued guidance that schools can return from 1st June 2020. Whilst we never closed any of our schools and have been providing extremely extensive home learning, we are now in a position to work with our communities initially to bring back those children in **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6**.

We recognise as a Trust that this is a difficult time for staff, parents and children. We are committed to ensuring that we continue to work with our communities, maintaining the positivity.

Even more important is that as a Trust, we provide a learning environment for all that makes our community feel safe supported and confident to deliver the next phase of this journey together. With this in mind, we have compiled a short survey to establish which children from **Reception, Year 1 and Year 6** will be back in school on 1st June.

[Click here to complete the survey.](#)

Please can I ask you to complete by midday on Monday 18th May. This will allow us to provide more detail to you on what the return will look like.

Thank you.

Parent/Carer Survey

We really value your feedback and feel we have been working well with our pupils so hoping you can spare 5 minutes to complete the attached survey. Please click [here to take part](#). Thank you in advance for your support.

Star Struck

Well...can you actually believe that we secured Hannah Cockcroft to send you a very special message...we are still in shock and honoured that she's taken the time to say hi – we can't wait to see her racing again. Click [here](#) to watch our video.

Blue Peter

Mason was so excited to receive his Blue Peter music badge. The badge was for his musical performance in the I Factor. Well done Mason.



Half Term

Please be advised that the school will be closed for all pupils over the May half term. This includes emergency childcare for children of key workers.

Competitions & Challenges

Drama opportunity: The National Theatre are providing an online free streaming of four live productions which you would normally pay around £10 per ticket for. They are streaming every Thursday in April from 7pm. It is a chance for pupils, parents and staff to watch some prestigious theatre from home. Visit [here](#) to view the offering.

D&T competition: Rolls-Royce are running a fantastic competition, encouraging aspiring designers up to the age of 16 to design their dream Rolls-Royce of the future. Entries close at 12.00 on Monday 18th May 2020. Click the link [here](#), to find out more.

PE challenge: Gold medallist and British and European sprint record holder Mickey Bushell MBE will be setting pupils within The Marches Academy Trust a press-up challenge! Follow our Facebook page to find out more, take part and have an opportunity to win a medal.

History competition: The Historical Association are running a 'Write Your Own Historical Fiction Competition 2020'. Winning students will each receive a cash prize, engraved paperweight and a year's free subscription to the Historical Association for their school. Entries close Friday 26th June 2020, click [here](#) for more details.

