



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020

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Dear Parents,

Happy VE day! For those of you who are marking this occasion in some way, I hope you have a good time- please send us any VE photos for our Facebook page this week.

I am sure you are all waiting, like we are, to hear what the announcement on Sunday will bring- I don't have any insight what the plans will be for primary schools, but obviously we have more questions than answers at this stage. My priority will of course be the safety of the children and staff moving forward. We would all love to see the children again soon and hope this happens prior to the summer holidays, but will be following Government guidance to protect our school community.

In other news, the new climbing frame is being installed next week to extend our trim trail as well as a stage in the Reception outside area in order to encourage those budding young performers. Something really exciting for the children to see when they return.

So now for some specific updates:

**Home learning:** Teachers will be posting on the class blogs, by noon today, next week's work plans for children. Please ensure you are still reading to and with your children as often as possible. <http://www.queensway.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Class+Pages&pid=32>.

I have attached a certificate which you can print for the children in order to celebrate something amazing they have done during home learning time! Again, please feel free to email us a photo of them with their certificate and work or post on the class blogs. <..\..\Certificates\Home Learning certificate.pub>

**Support for parents:**

- Mental Health Support Team newsletter: [MHST Primary Newsletter 3.pdf](#)
- Please contact Debbie if you are struggling with anything and she may be able to sign post you to support.

**Queensway Face Book page:** Some of you may have already seen a post I put on our Facebook page on Sunday for the children, take a look if you have a few minutes: <https://www.facebook.com/2343858765881705/videos/522997385035118/>

It was also great to see the baking efforts this week celebrated on Facebook. As mentioned above, the focus this week is VE celebrations or home learning certificates. <https://www.facebook.com/Queensway-Primary-School-2343858765881705/>

**The PTA need your help:** The PTA have very kindly posted on their Facebook page information about a National Book Token competition where a nominated school can win £5000 worth of tokens to update the library. Please have a look and of course nominate us! Let's see if we can be as lucky as we were in the Aldi competition! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/371823336787864/?ref=share>

**Information for families who are in receipt of Free School Meals:** Please can I urge families to redeem their vouchers if they haven't already as the money is intended to buy food now for the children, so families don't suffer food deprivation during this tricky time.

**Information for Key Workers and vulnerable families using Queensway childcare:** As per the email sent on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May to particular families, please notify the school office by today at noon with your childcare requirements for next week: [office.2057@queensway.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2057@queensway.oxon.sch.uk). Please can I stress the importance of letting us know if you no longer need a place as we are required to follow up absence under safeguarding rules and I also allocate the staffing rota around numbers of booked places.

Please don't hesitate to get in contact if you need any further clarification or support.

Keep well and stay safe,

Mrs Sarah Horbury Jakeman  
Head Teacher