



Newsletter

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Dear Friends, Parents and Carers,

I don't know about you, but this week has seemed much shorter than previous weeks. Time is moving in a very strange way at the moment!

This weekend, many families will be commemorating VE day. VE day, which stands for Victory in Europe Day, marked the end of World War II. Whether you are just observing a two minute silence at 11am on Friday; raising a toast at 3pm or going the whole hog and having a 'Stay at Home Street Party', I hope you have a lovely weekend.



On Sunday, we are told that announcements will be made by the Government regarding a possible plan to ease the Lockdown. We are told that these plans may include schools 'reopening' in some form; however we will wait and see! If we do hear anything, be assured that we will move swiftly to ensure that parents are kept informed – so dust off that Parent Hub App just in case!

In case things do change after the weekend, I would like to take this moment of calm to thank all my staff for the tremendous effort that they have put in every day, to ensure that the best learning, care and support is in place for the children of Alford Primary. Every day, the staff are preparing work, responding to emails, supervising keyworker's children, running the

operational bits and pieces from their homes - and in school! They have been working so hard; it is inspiring. I truly thank them and want to recognise that although school is 'closed' it is actually far from that!

I also want to take my hat off to the parents and carers at home. I'm trying to make sure that you all get a call from school, and when we speak, I am just warmed by the different stories of success: some stories of success with remote learning, but so many with stories of baking, building and activities that just wouldn't have been possible if this time together hadn't happened.

This newsletter is a well done to everyone!

Have an amazing weekend!

Mrs Ross

Each week we have asked the children to carry out an act of kindness, Darcie chose to bake a cake for the nurses at Lincoln Hospital.



Oliver has continually worked hard on his home learning and is working on developing his spelling/writing skills.



This wonderful creation is by Maisy Twigg in Y6. It is one of her VE Day WW2 project pieces. She made a desert spitfire because her Great-Grandad served in Africa (they were known as Desert Rats). Miss Dawes is very proud of her!

Here is a Wartime cooking project that Ruby completed! Looks YUMMY

History **Wartime Recipes**
Eggless Chocolate cake

Ingredients

- 100g butter
- 100g plain flour
- 100g sugar
- 100g cocoa powder
- 100g milk powder
- 100g baking powder
- 100g bicarbonate of soda
- 100g salt

Method

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Next, we measured out the sugar, cocoa and salt and added them to the flour and butter mixture.




We measured out the milk and warmed it before adding the bicarb of soda and vinegar. I frothed up! We added it quickly to the dry ingredients and mixed well.




We poured the mixture into a lined baking tin. The mixture was very sticky and hard to spread into the corners. We put it into a preheated oven.



The finished cake! It rose quite a bit in the oven. We had a taste once it had cooled down and it was pretty good, just a bit dry. We're going to have it with custard for pudding.

Lots of children and adults (including Mrs Foxwell) have been decorating their homes for VE day. More spectacular bunting has never been seen!



Teachers try and translate this:

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This writing by Tommy Collingwood is truly impressive – Well done, Tommy.



The only sounds I could hear were the cawing of seagulls as they swooped in the air and the wind swishing through my hair. I felt like a bird soaring across the sky. Tiptoeing, gliding and sliding, I made my way backwards and forwards across the rope for what seemed like hours. When I was tired, I even laid on the rope but I could not rest. All of a sudden, cries from a bullhorn disturbed the silence. The police force were at the top of one of the colossal towers demanded me to get down immediately. I ignored them until I felt satisfied my challenge was complete.

Reaching out my hands for the handcuffs, I stepped back onto the towers with a smile on my face. A policeman reached out to grab me roughly by the arms. I did not care about being arrested, it had all been worth it.

When I look up now to where the Twin Towers once were, I always imagine the tightrope dangling between them and what I achieved that special day.



The day I walked between the towers

As I stood a quarter of a mile up in the air about to step onto the rope, I felt exhilarated and my heart was pounding in my chest. A happy smile spread across my face. My dream had finally become a reality. The chilly morning breeze whipped through my hair and my toes were twitching to get going. Clutching the pole tightly in both hands, my front foot began to tentatively place itself on the rope, helping me to get my balance. This was it. The moment had come...



With trepidation, I slid my front foot out onto the thin wire. Looking down at the vast city of New York, I couldn't believe how beautiful it looked as it sparkled in the morning sun. Everything below me looked tiny. The Earth looked more like a map. The people were like full stops and vehicles were like toy cars. I was on top of the world. Nothing could stop me now.

ONLINE LEARNING

Remember that all teachers, for all year groups, are providing work for children on our school website.

This work is to support you in providing learning at home. We have heard that lots of other activities are going on too, and lots of fun. This is special, unexpected, time to spend together as a family and we don't want children becoming anxious about school work, or parents being distressed by home learning. If you are struggling remember to use the Year group email addresses to contact the teachers.

Website: <https://alfordprimary.co.uk/> (click on the 'Home Learning' tab to find your year group)

If you have any questions, queries or would just like to share some work with us, please email:

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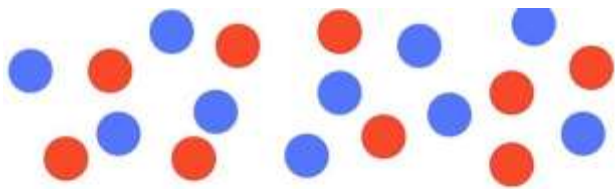
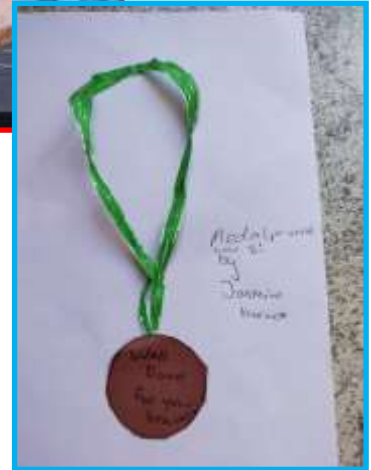
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VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations

STAY AT HOME STREET PARTY!

Friday 8th May 2020

Commemorate the end of WW2 by celebrating with your family & neighbours.

Decorate your house in red, white & blue and enjoy a picnic in your front garden.



And well done to the following children...

Holly for learning the Lambeth Walk Dance...

Kai-Jai for correctly using the word 'diabolical'...

And...

Joel for having to survive on the war-time rations of 2oz of sugar a month!!!!

