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Amesbury CE Primary School

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart” Col 3:23

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5th Sunday of
Easter, Year A

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Children and Governors.

The month of May is one of my favourite times of year - the world is filled with colour as flowers bloom in every direction you look, butterflies and bees can be seen busily hunting for nectar and the sun shines more often than not - how can one not have a smile on their face? Even in these trying times it is easy to recognise that there is still beauty in the world and that there is so much to be thankful for. This week I am particularly thankful for being one of a group of primary schools that each care for our local town and recognise the importance of community spirit; I hope you enjoyed the collaboration between us, Amesbury Archer, Christ the King and Kingsgate schools on Thursday - thank you to the three Headteachers; Mrs Donnelly, Mr Raymond and Mrs Owen, for helping to make this tribute. Of course we paid our very own Amesbury CE tribute to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day as well, and lots of fun was had dressing up and turning the playground into a 1945 street for a celebration. Mrs Potts and Mrs Sarfas did a tremendous job of preparing plates of party food for the children in school, whilst Mr Raymond and Mrs Dudgeon decorated the playground with bunting and flags. Thank you also to all the families who shared their special stories and memories of family members who served in WW2 and since - I hope you were all able to enjoy celebrating VE Day in your own special way.

This week I have been particularly touched by some emails of gratitude sent in by parents. It is heartening to me and the staff to hear the kind words and gestures of thanks from our families, but without the wonderful children and caring parents we are so lucky to have in abundance we could not be the school we are today: so thank YOU.

I end the newsletter once again unsure of the immediate future for our school - I know so many of you are eager to know what the plans are for school reopening fully, we all are. Whilst Mr Jeffries and I do not yet know the plans the Government has in store for schools over the coming weeks, we would both like to reassure you that we will endeavour to keep parents informed of any decisions or changes made to the current school provision as soon as we are able to and, as always, we thank you for your patience and understanding with this. Please remember to let us know if there is anything that you need at all when we call you - or feel free to call or email me at the school too.

For now though: stay safe and stay home and, in the words of Vera Lynn "We'll meet again..."

*Yours sincerely,
Mrs Sophie Short*

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Our School Vision & Values

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart"

Colossians 3:23

To allow all members of the community to be the best versions of themselves possible through our Christian values of:

- ❖ Dignity
- ❖ Kindness
- ❖ Endurance

Leading to learners who **work hard** and **show kindness**

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING AT SCHOOL



In KS1 the children have been inspired by Julia Donaldson and Zog - what do you think of these paper cup dragons? KS2 children have been busy learning about WW2 and VE Day.



Staff have loved seeing the Reception children create their own version of the 'string' video. Tilly sent a photo of herself next to all the adults in the video who help her in school.



Our keyworker rainbow this week was once again in the form of a video - this time in collaboration with the local primary schools. Watch it [here](#).

OUR SCHOOL IN THE NEWS

The past week or so has been extra exciting for school as some of the local news and media outlets have heard about the things we've been doing; with a certain 'string' video getting lots of attention. Mrs Short spoke live on BBC Radio Wiltshire, just before the daily Government briefing, to talk about the meals school have provided for families and The Salisbury Journal also ran an article about the school during the coronavirus pandemic. Meanwhile, BBC Radio Wiltshire have also heard some of the amazing Radioshack podcasts and have been speaking to Miss Card about this; we hope to have more information about this in the near future. Patrice Karst, the author of The Invisible String, also posted our video onto her Facebook page and sent Mrs Short a lovely e-mail to say how much she loved the idea and to wish the school well, local MP John Glen also 'tweeted' about the school. What an exciting week and great news that more and more people are hearing about our wonderful school.

You can read The Salisbury Journal article [here](#) and listen to Mrs Short's radio interview [here](#) (at around 2:14).

NEWS FROM YOU AT HOME



Jennifer in Year 2 rolls up like a sausage roll in her yoga mat - does this move come before or after 'downward dog'?



Jack (Y1) and Dylan (Y3) have been very busy at home making cakes, creating rainbows and even fairy doors. Maybe you've spotted some if you've been along Lord's Walk recently?



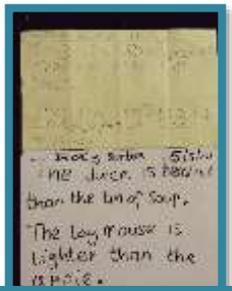
George in Y1 has painted this colourful masterpiece.



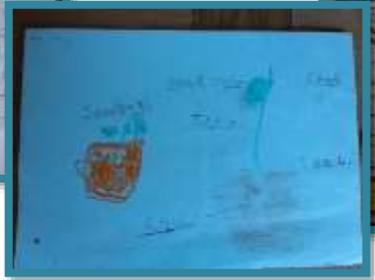
Mia, Y4, has continued to enjoy horse riding at GUL.

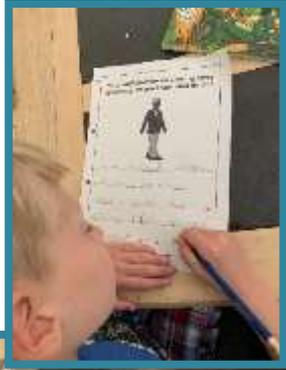


Bobby in Year 2 was inspired by a show about Van Gogh to create his own 'Starry Night' painting.

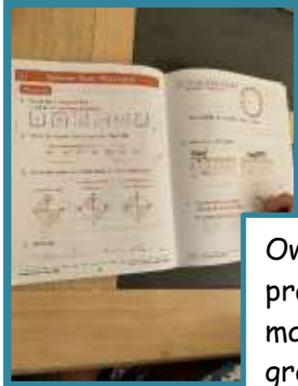


Becky in YR has been working hard this week writing, drawing and doing some pages of a workbook.





Pippa has been enjoying the 'Zog' work in the Y1 home learning pack and has been inspired by it to create this (plus a bit more inspiration from previous years helping friends on their farm too!)



Owen, Y1, has been busy practising his grammar, doing maths and writing about his grandad who was a war hero.



Tilly in Year R has been sharing her wonderful home learning - it looks like she has been very busy!



Penny, Sophie, Jacob and Gracie-Mae have been busy baking cakes ready for VE Day celebrations.



Brennan in Year 3 has been busy baking, setting up a 'home office' to do his learning and drawing pictures inspired by Harry Potter.



VE DAY SPECIAL

It's been lovely seeing the photos and work related to VE Day that you've sent in. Did you spot yourself in our school [VE Day video](#)?



Lots of you have shared your family military history - Pippa and Benjamin have many ancestors who served in both World Wars, Benjamin proudly shows his Great Grandfather's medals here.



Staff dressed up in themed outfits to really immerse the children into a VE Day atmosphere.



With the help of Mrs Sarfas, Mrs Potts made a VE Day special lunch so we could celebrate with full tummies!

