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Dear Parents / Carers,

So, we are about to enter our 5th week of schools being closed to all but the children of key workers (and 7th week of lockdown) and we are all in one piece – well done – you are to be congratulated and I for one think we need a “clap for parents” day each week! I don’t know about you, but for me one of the hardest things is not knowing how long this current situation is going to go on for. I guess we all have to be patient and concentrate on the things we have got control over, rather than getting stressed about the things that are out of our hands, which is easier said than done I know, but certainly something to aim towards, and I do know as a community we have risen exceptionally to the challenge.

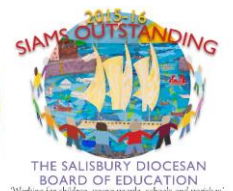
So on to some up-dates - bank holiday Friday (8th May) is VE Day and usually a time of gatherings, street parties and celebrations to mark the end of the war in Europe. Whilst not being able to celebrate in quite the same way, it would be a shame to let the day go by without it being commemorated at all. It would be lovely to see the pictures of how you celebrate this day, and we plan to share something through our social media. I suspect when the war against coronavirus is eventually won, it will be marked by street parties much like the end of the war in Europe.

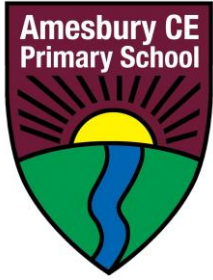
Just a quick reminder, in order to follow current guidance on allowing staff and students to wear a change of clothes each day, we are going to allow that students that are attending school can rotate between their PE kit and school uniform. For those that are currently attending school we have a sports coach in on a Wednesday and therefore can I please request that students wear PE kit on a Wednesday. We also still have a large number of books that we are making available for the public to take free of charge from outside of the school gates. We also have additional maths resources available for year 5 students.

On Monday the 18th May we will have no catering staff in school and we will only be providing a cold lunch, wrap etc. Therefore please send your children with a packed lunch on this day if at all possible.

We will continue to be in contact through weekly correspondence from myself as well as the newsletter. This is also supported by the relaunched Radio Shack which can be found on the school website under the children tab. Teachers will also correspond with students through the class page on the website as well as through the school Twitter feed, Instagram, YouTube channel and Facebook page.

Thank you for your ongoing support and the level of kindness that has been shown during this time. Please do remind the children that we are all connected by an invisible piece of string and we are looking forward to seeing them again. Finally, I would also like to say how much the staff appreciate the positive feedback that you give to them too, as they continue to work hard and take the planning





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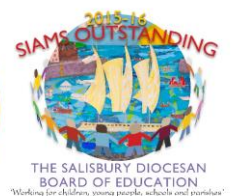
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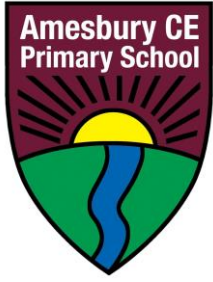
and support to parents very seriously and it is lovely to have that appreciated. As parents and staff, we are all making our way through this as best we can and we are all in this together.

I hope you all enjoy Star Wars day as much as I will.

Kind regards,

Vin Miller





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