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#InspiredToLearn COVID-19 Update -

Friday 17th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

With 'at least' three more weeks of lockdown ahead, we know for many of us the challenges of isolation and not seeing our friends is hard. It's a challenge shared by our children who continue to amaze us with their resilience and positive attitudes.

The Prince of Wales School remains committed to doing everything it can to support our community and with this in mind we will be hosting the following virtual events in the coming weeks -

Thursday 23rd April 2020 - 4:30PM - #InspiredToLearn Virtual Quiz Night

Friday 1st May 2020 - 5:00PM - #InspiredToLearn Virtual Disco

Thursday 7th May 2020 - 2:00PM - #InspiredToLearn Virtual VE Day Music Concert

Thursday 14th May 2020 - 4:30PM - #InspiredToLearn Virtual Quiz Night

Friday 22nd May 2020 - 5:00PM - #InspiredToLearn Virtual Disco

These events will be in addition to our ongoing Virtual School programme which will continue to include three live broadcasts a day including a host of special 'mystery guests' supporting our 11:20am 'Whole-School Assembly' programme. If you know of any potential special 'mystery guests' that may want to join us for a Whole-School Assembly broadcast please drop me an email and we can explore the opportunity together.

75th Anniversary - VE Day -

Friday 8th May 2020 marks 75 years since the guns fell silent at the end of the war in Europe. The 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe was to have been marked with a series of local and national events, including our very own #InspiredToLearn VE Street Party.



However, with these plans now cancelled the idea of a 'Stay at Home Street Party' is encouraging people to decorate their houses in red, white and blue and have a picnic in their front garden to celebrate.

VE Day - National - Friday 8th May 2020 -

With communities all over the country getting involved in the 'Stay at Home Street Party' we at The Prince of Wales School are encouraging everyone to take part too on Friday 8th May 2020.

The Royal British Legion is also calling for people to help commemorate the anniversary by joining in with a UK-wide rendition of Dame Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again' at 9:00pm on VE day.

BBC One will be featuring the singalong as part of their VE Day broadcast so get practicing now!

VE Day - Local - Thursday 7th May 2020 -

With the national commemorations taking place on Friday 8th May 2020, we plan to hold our own local virtual #InspiredToLearn commemoration on Thursday 7th May 2020.

Our commemoration will take the format of an #InspiredToLearn Music Concert that will run from 2pm through to 5pm, hopefully providing the perfect backdrop to another picnic in your garden. We figured that two picnics in two days can be no bad thing!?

If you or your son/daughter would like to play at this virtual concert, please email me and we will work out agreed songs and timings in advance.

At 4:00pm, we will join together with a POW-wide rendition of Dame Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again', perfect practice before the national effort on the following day.

Up To Date Contact Information - It is always essential that we as a school have your most up-to-date contact information. If you have recently changed address, telephone number or email address please let us know as a matter of urgency. Please send all updates to office@princeofwales.dorset.sch.uk.

Reminders...

Key Worker School - We are still here for you through this challenging time. Pre-School, Breakfast Club and After-School Club provision **WILL REMAIN OPEN AND DELIVER PROVISION FOR THE CHILDREN OF KEY WORKERS who have NO OTHER OPTIONS OPEN TO THEM** throughout the coming weeks.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL OF US DO NOT BECOME COMPLACENT ON THIS POINT - While we would love to welcome all children back to school **THE RISK REMAINS.**

If you require provision for your child(ren) please ensure this is effectively communicated to us in advance, this helps ensure we can keep to the minimum safe staffing levels and reduce the ongoing risk to our members of staff.

Phone Calls - We have moved to weekly wellbeing phone calls for the majority of families. This is to ensure we can offer more support to vulnerable individuals and families who need more of our time.

While we may not be ringing you daily, you can still ring us! Please note that all messages left on our answerphone (01305 257120) automatically get emailed as an audio file to a member of our School Admin Team. Aside from an email, this is the most efficient way of getting a message to key members of staff.

IF YOU FEEL THAT HAVE NOT HAD A CALL RECENTLY - PLEASE LET ME KNOW VIA EMAIL AND I WILL LOOK INTO WHY THIS IS THE CASE. I AM AWARE THAT SOME OF THE PHONE NUMBERS WE HAVE ON FILE MAY BE OUTDATED, HENCE THE REQUEST ABOVE FOR EVERYONE TO LET US KNOW IF THEIR DETAILS HAVE CHANGED.

Hot Meal Provision - Hot meal provision to all schools from our supplier has now ended. Any children of key workers attending school **must now provide a packed lunch**. Breakfast and fruit snacks will continue to be available and provided by the school.

Supermarket Vouchers - If your child is eligible for free school meals and you need assistance at this time, we can support you with supermarket vouchers. Please email me for more information - headteacher@princeofwales.dorset.sch.uk.

WE ALSO HAVE A FOOD PARCELS AVAILABLE FOR ANY FAMILY IN NEED.

Again, please contact me for information.

Special thanks to The Salvation Army, Dorchester and Brace the Butchers, Poundbury for supporting us with these.

Anyone with questions, should email me directly at - headteacher@princeofwales.dorset.sch.uk

We stand with you at this time.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Spracklen', with a small horizontal line underneath.

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