

### **VE Day History Project for all years**

This coming week the country has a Bank Holiday (Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May) to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE day.

There were going to be lots of events to mark this but most have had to be cancelled, however there will be some 'events' happening on the TV, radio and the internet.

**We would like you to research what this anniversary is all about – what does VE stand for? Why is it so important that it is being marked with a Bank Holiday and special events?**

**We were going to dress up in clothes of the period (1945) and have a picnic on the field with music from the time. What did these clothes look like? What might you have worn to school on Friday? What sort of food might they have eaten at a picnic in 1945? How would it be different from today? Research the music and musicians/singers from the time, listen to some and maybe even learn a song or two!**

Residents of Richmond Borough are being encouraged to create 'Great British Bunting' to display in windows at home to help commemorate the anniversary. See [www.richmond.gov.uk/bunting](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/bunting)

**Another activity you might like to do:**

**Unlike today the main form of keeping in touch with people far away in 1945 was by letter – why don't you write a letter to an older relative or neighbour telling them what you've learnt about VE day and asking them for their memories of the time. (Check with an adult who to write to first)**

There will be a lot of references to this anniversary in the media in the next week, here are a couple of links to get you started:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr>

<https://www.mrtdoeshistory.com/75th-anniversary-ve-day>

You can present your project work in whatever form you choose- you might do it as a joint project with brothers and sisters and it might include a variety of work – pictures, information a diary entry, a recipe, some songs etc. The choice is yours!

Email it back to your teacher as usual, you could also email it to me at [year3@st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:year3@st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk) As history lead I'd love to see your work on this topic! Thank you Miss Grace.