

75th Anniversary of VE Day – 8th May 2020



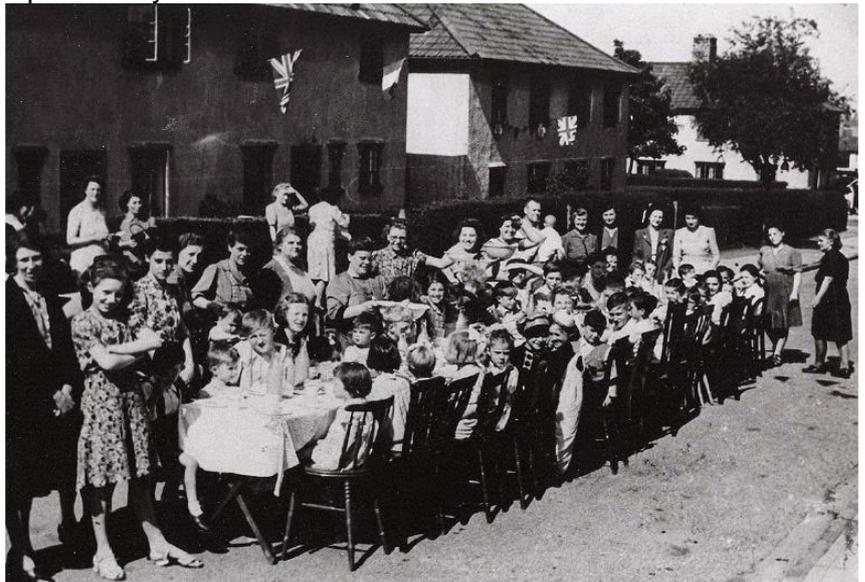
VE DAY
75TH ANNIVERSARY
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION
8 - 10 MAY 2020

A note from Mrs Elliott

Up and down the country, we should all have been enjoying a long bank holiday weekend and celebrating the 75th anniversary of VE Day; however, that's just not possible at the moment. In some ways, lots of what we are doing at the moment – staying home to keep everybody safe – is very relevant to VE Day celebrations and hopefully, in the future, we will all be able to celebrate being together again.

Instead, I've set some tasks for you to find out a bit about what VE Day is and some activities that will help you to have a mini-celebration of your own at home. Wouldn't it be great if you could still feel connected to other people in Dunnington by decorating your house or by celebrating in the same way! Maybe you could also share some pictures of your VE Day work or your celebrations with your teachers on Seesaw. And finally make sure you try my Dunnington School Treasure hunt (which is in the VE Day folder) Have a go with your family – how many of the items from around school can you identify?

Before reading any further, have a look at the 2 photos below and pretend to be a History Detective. What questions might you ask about the photos? Try to think of between 5 and 10 questions. You could write them down or just tell an adult what questions you have.



The first photo actually shows the Prime Minister Winston Churchill announcing **VE Day - Victory in Europe**. This day marks the end of the Second World War in Europe. There were no mobile phones or internet in those days. How do you think he would have given this news to everyone? The second photo shows people celebrating VE Day on May 8th 1945.

To find out more about VE Day, you can read this article: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48201749> or look at the powerpoints designed for KS1 and KS2. Each have activities you could try out. You might also like to have a go at the KS1 or KS2 reading comprehensions to check you've understood what you have read. KS2 might also want to watch this video explaining VE Day and the commemorations: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr>

Or you might want to enjoy this fun VE Day song from Horrible Histories: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/horrible-histories-songs-ve-day-song>

Or join in a special live stream sing-a-long commemoration with Tom Carradine on Thursday 7th May at 11am. More details can be found on: <https://www.carradinescockneysingalong.co.uk/ve-day> including links to video songs to practise and also song sheets.

Activities

Here are some activities you could try. There are lots of resources in the VE Day folder in case you want to use them. Some activities may be more suited to KS1 or KS2 but feel free to have a go at any you fancy!

KS1	KS2
<p>Find some pictures of VE DAY celebrations and commemorations throughout the years and compare them with how people might celebrate today. In what ways have the commemorations changed? In what ways have they stayed the same?</p> <p>Can you make a collage of your pictures to celebrate VE Day? https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/10-photos-of-ve-day-celebrations</p>	<p>Find out about World War 2 rationing. https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/what-you-need-to-know-about-rationing-in-the-second-world-war How would you feel if your food was rationed? Try living on rations for just one day! You could even make some traditional wartime foods. There are lots of ideas on this website: https://the1940sexperiment.com/100-wartime-recipes/?fbclid=IwAR247v4OK5sNg98zwys-k4tDjHAwWKxmIBCTN1FuLYinSAYZbNGc7njZV24</p>
<p>Make a VE Day medal using different materials or design one using the template in the VE Day folder.</p>	<p>Design a VE Day commemorative teacup using the template in the VE Day folder. (or you can design a VE day medal if you'd prefer!)</p>
<p>Can you make the WW2 Spitfire Glider from the VE Day folder? See what else you can research and find out about Spitfires. Were they the only plane used in WW2?</p>	<p>Imagine you are a soldier on the front line during World War 2. You have just found out that the war in Europe is over. Write a diary entry about the experience and how you feel.</p>
<p>Imagine you could have a street party with all of your neighbours. What games would you play, what food would you eat, what would you wear? Can you draw or write about your street party? You might also want to find out about what people ate at the street parties on VE day in 1945.</p>	<p>Can you explain why VE day was an important day in British history. Choose how you wish to present your work. See useful links below. https://www.britishpathe.com/video/ve-day-celebrations https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/what-you-need-to-know-about-ve-day</p>
<p>Who is Winston Churchill? What is he remembered for? Create a fact file about Churchill.</p>	<p>Who is Winston Churchill? What is he remembered for? Create a fact file about Churchill.</p>
<p>Winston Churchill famously announced the end of the war to families listening at home. Can you make your own radio broadcast to announce Victory in Europe. You could even pretend to be Winston Churchill!</p>	<p>Listen to part of Winston Churchill's speech announcing the end of the war. https://winstonchurchill.org/resources/speeches/1941-1945-war-leader/to-v-e-crowds/ or read it from the resources. How would it have felt to be there? What do you like about his speech?</p>
<p>Do you have any older relatives/family friends who remember VE Day? Ask them about it and what they remember of World War 2. Maybe you could write about what they told you.</p>	<p>Do you have any older relatives/family friends who remember VE Day? Ask them about it and what they remember of World War 2. Can you fill out the VE Day Veteran sheet with their details and memories?</p>
<p>Have a go at the VE Day KS1 Word search – if there are any words you don't understand, maybe you could find out what they mean.</p>	<p>Have a go at the VE Day KS2 Word search – if there are any words you don't understand, maybe you could look them up and write a dictionary definition!</p>
<p>Have your own street party in your garden!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make bunting (there are templates in the VE Day folder)• Listen and dance to some traditional British music• Make British party food• Have a go at the Dunnington School Treasure hunt with your family.	<p>Have your own street party in your garden!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make bunting (there are templates in the VE Day folder)• Listen and dance to some traditional British music• Make British party food (You could use the Wartime Recipe booklet to help you)• Have a go at the Dunnington School Treasure hunt with your family.