

# LOCKDOWN NEWS FROM BARFORD

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

## We hope that you are all healthy and safe!

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Thank you for any photos that you have sent in for the teachers and the Community project, some of which have been put on the school's website and are fantastic. We would also like to say a **huge** thank you to Year 4 who sent a collage of pupils photographs and a video with a message to the music 'Reach for the Stars'. Also, Year 2 who sent a video telling us all to 'Stay Happy' and Year 6 who sent a video to the music 'I Want to Break Free', which is very apt in the current climate. All of these are great fun and an absolutely wonderful way to keep in touch. Thank you!

**Headteacher Recruitment:** The Governors held a virtual discussion with the 5 shortlisted candidates, as part of the Headteacher recruitment process on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of April. They have shortlisted three who will go forward to the next stage of the formal interviews. These will take place as soon as school resumes.

**Classes for September:** At Governors we discussed classes for next year and decided that all teachers would remain in the current year groups. We felt that any change would be unsettling for the children and the logistics of moving resources and other equipment would not be possible due to cross contamination.

**Parent Governor:** As you are aware, we have been searching for a Parent Governor for quite some time now. We are delighted that one of our new parents, joining us in September, has voiced an interest in becoming one. Just to make sure we are following correct procedures we are asking if any other parents are interested in the role to let the office know by Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> May. If more than one parent applies, then it goes to a vote as part of the standard process.

**Communication with Families:** Each week the Senior Leadership Team meet to discuss a variety of issues and ways of keeping in contact, that can reach all pupils. We decided that it would be lovely for the teachers to phone all of the families and pupils in their class. For obvious reasons lockdown comes with many safeguarding issues so staff will phone from school. The phone calls will take place on Monday and Tuesday next week. The rota is attached.

**VE Day Celebrations 8<sup>th</sup> of May:** It is going to be a very, special occasion and I imagine many of you will be doing some kind of events in your homes. If you decide to decorate your houses/gardens or even dress up in 1940's clothes, please send in some photographs, let me know if you would like them to go on the website. Also, the whole country will observe two minutes silence at 11:00am, Winston Churchills speech will be shown on the TV at 3:00pm and the Queen is making her speech at 9:00 pm followed by an invitation for everyone ,who can, to open their doors and join in with the song 'We'll Meet Again'.

That is all of our news for this week and as always, we ask you to stay at home, keep yourselves safe and we look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Very Best wishes

<b>COVID PHONE CALLS ROTA</b>						
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Year groups</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Year groups</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Year groups</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00- 11:00	Year 5 and Year 6	11:00 - 12:00	Year 2	1:00-2:00	Reception
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00- 11:00	Year 1	11:00 - 12:00	Year 3	1:00-2:00	Year 4