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07<sup>th</sup> May 2020

***Whole School Update***

Dear Parents/Carers

During partial School opening and in the absence of our normal School Newsletter, we have put together a roundup of general School news from the past few weeks. Also included are items which may be of use and interest to our school community.

We continue to await news of how and when schools might re-open. Once we know more, plans will be put together to ensure any returning year groups will be as safe as possible in school and that education continues as efficiently as possible. The efforts of staff, parents and children during home learning has been a joy to see, but there is naturally a longing to return to the bustling, vibrant and friendly school we are used to.

Although Easter has passed, the story of the Resurrection, particularly from Luke's Gospel, can still be a source of comfort. The resurrection is the foundation of *hope* upon which Christians build our lives, not only on a day by day basis but in the long term too. Hope is so important, and the hope of the Gospel gives us certainty, strength, and a vision for the way forward. Rarely has that been so relevant to the circumstances we face today. There are so many challenges for schools, for families and for our children. However, as Christians we have hope that guides us in the way that we conduct ourselves daily. And as members of the Blackboys School Fellowship, we also say "Be the best you can be; Living life in all its fullness."

As a school community, we are here to help and support, so do not hesitate to get in touch should you need us.

Best Wishes

Mr G Sullivan  
Headteacher

## Celebrating VE Day, Friday 08th May

We have not been able to celebrate VE Day in quite the way we would have hoped here at school. However, we have reached out virtually to Purley Oaks Primary School in Croydon. Purley Oaks School pupils were evacuated to Blackboys during the Second World War and are mentioned in our school log book. We hope to strengthen this new found affinity with Purley Oaks Primary School when lockdown is over.

Year 6 pupil Hugo Ullmann has been busy during lockdown, producing a very professional film explaining VE Day and his own family's involvement in World War 2. You can view Hugo's film, ably assisted by his sister Meghan and his Mum and Dad, on our YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uy-M3IHm1hg>

With this newsletter will be some templates to make bunting to celebrate VE Day at home.

Tomorrow there will be some reading, family discussion ideas and activity suggestions for children to engage with VE Day. These will be on the class pages of the school website.

## Inset Days

Please find below our planned Inset Days for current academic year and next. Please note that Monday 01<sup>st</sup> June is NO LONGER an Inset Day.

Remaining Inset Days Academic Year 19/20
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2020
(please note Monday 01 <sup>st</sup> June is no longer an Inset Day)
Set Inset Days Academic Year 20/21
Thursday 03 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020
Monday 05 <sup>th</sup> October 2020

## Year R Starters, September 2020

Our welcome letter and admissions form went out to all our Parents/Carers of the new Year R group who will be starting with us in September 2020. If you are a family who has a child starting in Year R, September 2020 please can you return your completed form to the [office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk) at your earliest convenience? If you are unable to get the form back to us an acknowledgement of the place would be appreciated so we can secure your child's place.

## Help is there if you need it

We have received the following information from our Diocese, The Diocese of Chichester, which may be of benefit;

### 'Hearing You' - Pastoral Phone Line

*The Diocese with Together in Sussex are launching 'Hearing You', a new pastoral phone line to enable the people of Sussex to feel connected and supported. It is a phonenumber that will provide pastoral support and a listening ear to the recently bereaved and people directly affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. It will be staffed by volunteers who are trained in pastoral care and listening skills: clergy and licensed lay ministers.*

*All volunteer listeners will:*

- \*Have an active DBS and have completed safeguarding training with the Diocese of Chichester.*
- \*Be able to point callers to their parish clergy.*
- \*Direct callers to other organisations offering specialist support if appropriate and also offer to pray for the caller or for their concerns.*

*The phone lines will be open to anyone living in Sussex whether they currently attend a church or not. The service will initially run from to the end of May, Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 7.00pm.*

*The 'Hearing You' number is: 01273 425047*

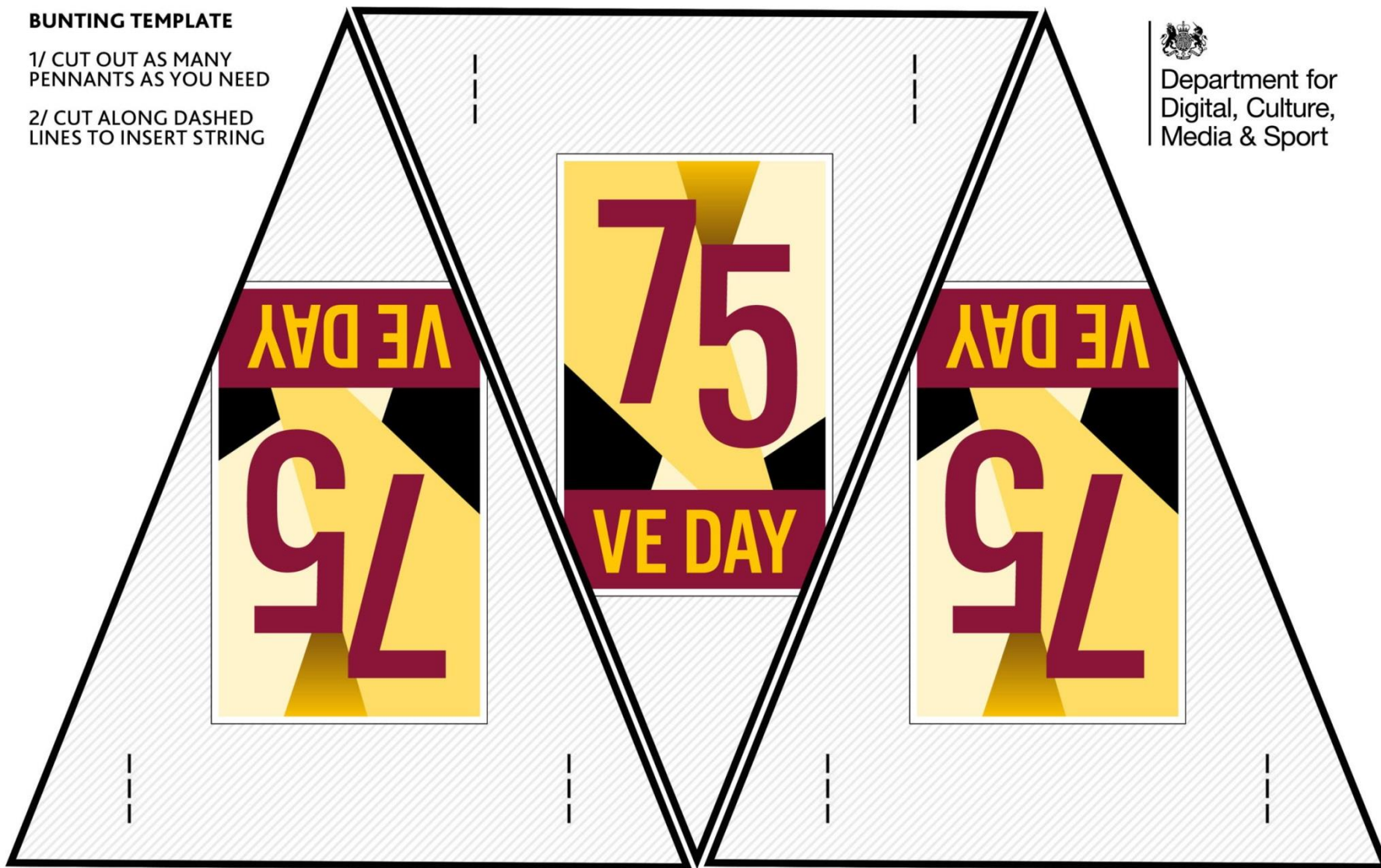
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