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Thursday 7th May 2020

### A Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

As we approach this rather unusual bank holiday weekend, I hope you are managing to keep safe and cope during this challenging period.

We know that some families have been having issues with free school meals vouchers. We have worked hard to ensure that families receive vouchers in good time, however the government has contracted an external provider to manage this, and so in many cases, what we can do to speed up the process is limited. Therefore, if you do have an issue with accessing vouchers and are experiencing financial hardship, then please contact us on [admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk) or leave a voicemail on 020 7254 1589. We are hoping the system will continue to improve as the weeks go on.

Children have been busy using Teams again this week, and teachers have been experimenting with exciting features such as a video science investigation in year 4! I have been pleased to see so many children engaging each and every day on Teams, and I would like to thank you all for your support with this. If there are any issues with children accessing Teams then please speak to your child's class teacher during the weekly phone calls, or contact the school directly.

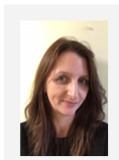
Also, please remember that Ms Crawford runs her weekly choir rehearsal each Wednesday at 3:30pm!

Please try to enjoy your long weekend and take care.

Mr Reynolds

#### Staffing structure

As you know, the school has recently gone through a staffing restructure, however it became apparent that further savings were needed to ensure the financial sustainability of the school. It is therefore with regret that we have had to say goodbye to Mrs Bangura. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Bangura for her distinguished and dedicated 17 years of service at the school. I know you and your children will also want to give Mrs Bangura a proper farewell, which will obviously be difficult during the school closure and social distancing measures we are currently facing. We will therefore be inviting Mrs Bangura back in once the situation improves and we are fully re-open.



#### Victory in Europe (VE) Day

Friday 8th May 2020 is a Bank Holiday in the UK to remember and celebrate the end of World War II for Europe in 1945. People in Europe waited a long time for the fighting and bombings to end and celebrated with street parties enjoyed by all.



A Street Party in 1945 to celebrate VE Day, the end of World War II

Click the pic to see more about VE Day 1945.

#### Choir

Don't forget your child is invited to join in the weekly choir practice with Ms Crawford each Wednesday from 3.30pm.



Watch out for the weekly text with a link to Zoom and the security code to join in.

We'd love to see many more of you join in and practice your singing skills!



#### Oak National Academy Content on Teams



Next week, children's work within Teams will include content from Oak National Academy to support their learning. Click the pic to view examples of work from your child's year group. Please remind children to keep to the rules of our online learning system and use the Post page for questions about the work which teachers will respond to.

#### Free School Meals

If your circumstances have recently changed especially due to the coronavirus, your child may now be eligible for Free School Meals. Use the Hackney Learning Trust link below to begin your application. <https://tinyurl.com/rnqxn3o>

School Website

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