

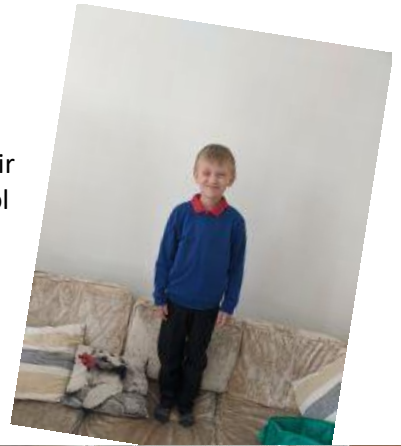
# Newsletter

Monday 4 May 2020

## NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

### Thank you

We'd just like to say thank you to everyone that joined in last week in wearing their uniform to raise money for the NHS. It's so lovely to see the children, everyone in school is really missing them.



We **S**how respect. We are **H**onest. We **I**nclude others. We **N**ever give up. We seek **E**xcellence in all we do.

### Reminder - We need your pictures!

Some of you may have seen the short video that the staff have put together. This was shared by class dojo and through our temporary Facebook site. We would now love to make a short video of photographs of the kinds of things the children/families have been doing at home to lift spirits and enable everyone to see each other during this time. We would however, need enough photographs to do this. Please send any photos in (feel free to send a couple), with the understanding they would form part of a video that will be online, to [admin@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk). Please could we advise you not to include names on any messages the children may hold up of themselves. Ideally we would like the photographs by Friday 8 May please.

### 75th Anniversary of VE Day - Message from Tameside

We'd like to say a special thank you to Mrs Webster who is a parent and the Education Manager for Cultural Services at Tameside who has pointed us in the direction of how we can still celebrate VE day on Friday. The following information can also be found at <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/Policy/75th-anniversary-of-VE-Day>

Friday 8 May 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe Day). After six years of the Second World War, Winston Churchill announced Germany's surrender at 3pm marking the end of the war in Europe.

Tameside would like everyone to join them as we both pay tribute to the servicemen and women who served in the war and celebrate this historic anniversary, just as they did in 1945.

### Dance for Victory

After Winston Churchill's announcement, people across the UK celebrated, taking to the streets to dance and sing.

During the UK lockdown we are hoping to capture this spirit of celebration whilst staying at home and dancing for victory! Simply follow our simple online tutorial - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M915-pxK59Q&t=14s> of a wartime inspired dance routine you can learn and perform at home.

### UK singalong to Vera Lynn

Join thousands of people across the UK in a national moment of celebration and thanksgiving by singing wartime favourite "We'll Meet Again" by Vera Lynn at 9pm on Friday 8 May.

For the full lyrics click here-

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/stories/ve-day-singalong> or you can watch BBC One's VE Day broadcast which will feature a singalong.

### Host a tea party at home

On VE Day in 1945, people joined their neighbours for street parties to celebrate the end of the war. With social distancing measures in place, you can have a tea party at home while still protecting the NHS and saving lives.

Here - <https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/plan-your-ve-day-party/> are some wartime inspired recipes and a VE day inspired playlist to set the mood.

### Decorate your home with bunting

Bring out the bunting or make your own to hang in your windows or garden to celebrate and give some joy to passers-by during their exercise allowance.

If you don't have any bunting, here's <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/TamesideMBC/media/ArtsAndEvents/craft-activity-template-VE-day-bunting.pdf> a quick craft activity to make some.



### **Share a wartime family photo**

Do you have a treasured family wartime photograph you would be happy to share? Post it on social media, telling us why it is special to you, using the hashtag #TamesideVE75

### **Share on social media**

Whatever you chose to do make sure you share it with us using the hashtag #TamesideVE75.

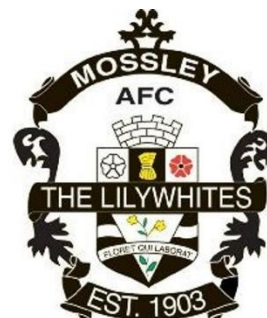
**Children may also like to wear red, white and blue to celebrate on the day!**

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **Mossley AFC – Design a new away kit competition**

Attached to the newsletter is some exciting information about how the children can get involved in designing a new away kit for the club!

Deadline is 31 May and all details are attached.



The world as we have known it, has changed; we are all finding life different and some of us are finding it difficult. Let us all remember, we are still one. We are still united; united in change, united in challenge and united in our school community. Please reach out to others if you need support.