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the  
Presence of God"

# BROCKENHURST C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Good afternoon,

I hope this email finds you all safe and well. I continue to be amazed by the children, parents and staff in the resilience you are all showing in these challenging times. The staff at Brockenhurst CE Primary School are all missing the children and wanted to express this. Hence, we have put together a picture (attached) to remind the children that we are thinking of them all.

Please do email me direct or share any stories and photos, I miss seeing the excitement on the children's faces when they talk with passion or really grasp a new idea.

On site we continue to make changes that will benefit the children when they return. The new lockers arrived before the children left, we have cleared outside areas and created an active area with a 4 bay clear climbing wall and balance beams. The sensory garden seating is also nearing completion and we are claiming back more field from bushes to grass!

I have no news on the next steps or when we will be returning in any form. Rest assured though, that we will not be putting children's or staff lives at risk. Working together we will ensure that all measures are in place and you are well briefed before any classes return formally to school.

I am aware that much of the work the children are accessing is online. With this in mind and access to other social media at this time I would like to direct you to a supportive link <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

A local Community group has asked if there are any requirements for support to local residents who may be in need. I wondered if there are any parents in Brockenhurst that require any extra help at this time with food, toys, books etc. If so please do let me know directly. It will be in confidence and we are here to help you as well as your children.

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day

A number of organisations, have decided to run a "Virtual" VE Day celebration in Brockenhurst next Friday.

The general idea is that "at 2.55pm the historic Brockenhurst Fire Bell will be rung and at 3.00pm people are encouraged to join the Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2. Standing in their homes they should raise a glass with a refreshment of their choice and toast – "To those who gave so much, we thank you." This will be followed by the all clear at 3.10pm from an original War Ministry Air Raid siren in the centre of the village." We want to encourage residents to "decorate their windows with Union Jacks, red, white and blue or make some Brockenhurst Bunting – a template has been created for children to colour in. In addition, poems and readings are also being arranged by members of the local community and residents are asked to share memories and photographs and post them on the @BrockVEDay75 Facebook page."

While absolutely continuing the guidance to be safe and socially distance ourselves this will be an opportunity to have a collective experience to remember the day by and also a chance to have "conversations across the street" or over the garden fence with our friends and neighbours.

Please look out for more information coming out in the next few days and hopefully some coverage in the Lymington Times.

Best wishes

John

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