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MESSAGE FROM MR BULPITT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with your God

I posted a short video earlier this week to say hello to the children and remind them that we are thinking of them and love seeing the work that is being completed at home. In it I made reference to tomorrow being a Bank Holiday in which we remember the 75th anniversary of VE day. The school was set to mark the occasion with a WOW day where our timetable was given over to activities marking the occasion as well as going out into our community to share the anniversary with them. Even though we are separated in our homes with our immediate family, I'd like to try and bring our celebrations together and share across our school community.

If you are planning to decorate your patio, have a family tea party or BBQ I would love to have a collection of pictures to put together. Please could you send them to office@elthamce.greenwich.sch.uk marked VE Celebrations so we can collate the pictures and celebrate as a school community. Look out for a picture from my back garden, where we have a tea-party for 4 planned!

To introduce our Collective Worship this week, at the end of my video message I used the Benediction Prayer to close "May the Lord Bless You and Keep You". When I got home that evening I found that churches across the United Kingdom have collaborated to sing a blessing to everyone at this time. I'd like to share this with you and encourage you that as difficult as this time is there is love, community, neighbourliness, compassion and care being demonstrated all over the country which we should celebrate and give thanks for.

Have an excellent Bank Holiday weekend, enjoy the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtll3mNj5U> and enjoy the sunshine!

With Best Wishes,
Matthew Bulpitt, Headteacher

Charlie Rhodes, Deputy Headteacher

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Why is Wisdom Important?
Year 6 have been thinking about the meaning of wisdom: thinking about its definition but also who possesses wisdom and where it comes from. They considered how we receive wisdom and in particular what conditions support us to do this. Then we began to think about ways and means of imparting wisdom and how this takes place within faiths.
Our task was to create and construct a Year 6 'Wall of Wisdom' based on our own Bible research using the Book of Proverbs.

*To acquire wisdom is to love oneself;
people who cherish understanding will prosper (Proverbs: 19:3)*
Mrs Bailey

Proverbs: 3:7
Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.
Jay Kumar

Proverbs 8:35
For those who find me find life and receive favor from the Lord.
Rebecca Minendahan
Proverbs 2:6
for the lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
Amaarisah Adeyosoje.



Welcome

Let us begin our time of worship with the declaration

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Message

One of our favourite songs to sing is My Lighthouse by Rend Collective. Today I would like us continue to focus on The Joy of the Lord is my strength, starting with a version by Rend Collective <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3gLeCiMJqI> .

“Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls”. (Mother Teresa)

“When large numbers of people share their joy in common, the happiness of each is greater because each adds fuel to the other’s flame”. (Augustine)

“You will find a joy in overcoming obstacles”. (Helen Keller)

The book of Psalms is full of joyful statements, often created amid difficult circumstances. Although happiness and joy can be present at the same time, happiness is based on material things or events, such as when a person is given a gift, graduates from college or celebrates a birthday. Joy, on the other hand, is from God and runs deeper — it can be present even during unhappy times.

What are you worth?

The world ascribes value to what people own — wealth, status, appearance and fame. As a Christian, you are worthy because Jesus is worthy. God’s love has made you important to Him. Without having to prove yourself, you are free to enjoy your life, no matter your circumstances.

How big is your God?

When good things happen, you may give God credit for it. When bad things happen, you may feel God has turned His back on you. In Psalms, read how David turned toward God amid crises and was rewarded with joy. Joy comes from knowing God, enjoying what God has done for you and believing that He constantly cares for you.

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

Close

Let us finish with prayer. May we say together, as a school community

“God of hope, strengthen our hope; God of love, kindle our love so that, in a fragile world, we may be signs of the faith, hope, love which we share in Jesus Christ.”

Amen



Our Key Workers continue to serve and care for our nation during this time and again it is good to stop and thank God and them. Let us remember that they are mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, have friends and neighbours, just like us and they work selflessly on our behalf.

