

Celebrations for VE 75

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Dear Parents,

On Friday 8th May 2020, Britain celebrates 75 years since the end of World War 2. Here at Carew, we had planned lots of fun activities for the students.

We don't want to let the Lockdown dampen our celebrations, so we have put together some information for you, as well as some activities for your children to do, if they so wish.

All the best,

The Carew Humanities Team

When was the original VE Day?

VE Day took place on 8th May 1945. VE Day stands for Victory in Europe Day. It marked the end of World War 2 in Europe when the Nazi forces officially surrendered to the Allies.

The day was a public holiday, where people sang and danced outside their homes, and held street parties, although World War 2 didn't officially end until 2nd September 1945, when the Japanese formally surrendered.



Why is this year's VE Day special?

2020 marks 75 years since the end of WW2. There will be lots of events held all across the country to pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the entire Second World War generation, from Soldiers to British evacuees, and those who served on the home front.

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What is happening on Friday 8th May?

For information regarding events that are taking place across the country to celebrate VE 75, please see <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/remembrance-events/ve-day-75>

Events include:

- A 2 minute silence at 11am
- A 45 minute live stream on the Royal British Legion's website and Facebook page which will share stories and memories from those who served and sacrificed over the course of the Second World War.
- A nationwide toast at 3pm to those involved in WW2 where people stand up, raise a glass of their choice and say: "To those who gave so much, we thank you."
- A nationwide sing a-long to Dame Vera Lynn's "We'll Meet Again" at 9pm.

How can my child get involved?

We have put together some activities that students might like to do. Please see the activities relevant to the age of your child.

Other ways to get involved:

- Perhaps you could have a family tea party - make sandwiches or cakes and play games like they did on 8th May 1945.
- Take part in the 2 minute silence at 11am on Friday 8th May and the 3pm nationwide toast.
- Colour in the Union Jack bunting and hang it in your window

We would love to see what you get up to! If you wish, please share photos of your celebrations by emailing photos to your child's tutor.

