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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **VE day Celebrations**

Thank you to everyone who was able to put a VE banner at the front of the school – we have had some lovely comments about the children's work and a picture of their work will appear in the next edition of the Kirtlington Village news.

### **School 'rainbow' cards**

We have had a few names of people isolating on their own in the community so we have been busy making 'rainbow' cards to send this week. Please let us know if you send someone a card or if you think of anyone else we could send a card to.

### **Head Teachers Award**

Congratulations to **Sam Bartlett** who has had his 'Save the Hedgehog' poster chosen by Hugh Warwick, Hedgehog-Loving ecologist and author, to promote the work being done in the UK. Look out for Sam's posters around the village and contact Chris Powles who runs KWACS (Kirtlington Wildlife and Conversation Society) if you would like more information on how you can help to protect hedgehogs in Kirtlington.

If you have any achievements we can celebrate during this time, please let us know as we would love to share them with you. Please just email the school office.

### **Happy 'May' Birthday**

We would like to say a '*happy birthday*' to the following children (please let us know if we have missed anyone!)

Barney, Harrison, Rowan and Lola.

### **Free School Meals**

Should your circumstances change over the next few weeks or months, please see this link for further support. <http://schools.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/free-school-meals>

### **Church Team**

Thank you to Joanna for providing us with a wonderful virtual collective worship this week. We are grateful to the team for supporting us all during this time.



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## Create Art Club-a message from Hayley.

I have started an online create club and hope it will be a great opportunity for children to stay connected with friends from school in a positive and creative way. The theme this term is 'Around The World'. We will visit different countries and continents to explore the various forms of art. I will supply a craft box full of materials to each child, so that they have all the materials required (except for paint).

If this is something of interest, further information can be found at <https://www.thecreationstation.co.uk/activities/online-create-club-around-the-world-wednesday1530-witney-and-kidlington/2020-04-29>

## Create Club 5-11 Years - Wednesday@15:30 - Witney and Kidlington

Around the World - Online Create Club Programme Enjoy an exciting creative programme develop to inspire your child's imagination and learn through hands on creative fun in this interactive online session.  
[www.thecreationstation.co.uk](http://www.thecreationstation.co.uk)

## Support for mental health

In these uncertain times if you feel you may need some additional support or your children do, a 24/7 mental health helpline has been launched in Oxfordshire. This round-the-clock helpline makes it easier and quicker to get the right advice you might need for your own or others mental health. This service operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week and temporarily takes pressure off 111 for people who need mental health care when their situation is not life threatening. The phone numbers and further information can be found at

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/news/24-7-mental-health-helpline-replaces-111-in-oxfordshire-and-buckinghamshire/>

## Further support is available at:

Young Minds <http://www.youngminds.org.uk> - Information on child and adolescent mental health. Services for parents and professionals. Phone: Parents helpline 0808 802 5544 (Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 4pm).

**ChildLine** is a free, private and confidential service where you can talk about anything. You can get help and advice about a wide range of issues and talk to a counsellor online or on the phone from 9am – midnight. Helpline 0800 1111.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/contacting-childline/>

For information and support for parents/carers on keeping children safe and developing their understanding of respectful online relationships amid increased online activity, visit the following websites:

- [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#)
- [Internetmatters.org](#)
- [Kidscape](#)
- [National Bullying Helpline](#)
- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)



For young people on keeping safe amid increased online activity, visit the following websites:

- [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#)
- [CEOP Thinkuknow](#)
- [Childline](#)
- [Kidscape](#)
- UK Safer Internet Centre [3-11yrs](#)

### School Office

Just a reminder if you want to contact school or individual teachers you can do this via email at [office.3500@kirtlington.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3500@kirtlington.oxon.sch.uk) The office email account is managed throughout the day, and emails can be forwarded on to teachers.

I hope you are well and continuing to be safe. I would like to extend my thanks to you all for completing another week of learning at home. Your positivity and support is very much appreciated at this time.

Stay safe and please look after yourself and each other.

Warm regards,

Miss Williams and the team



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