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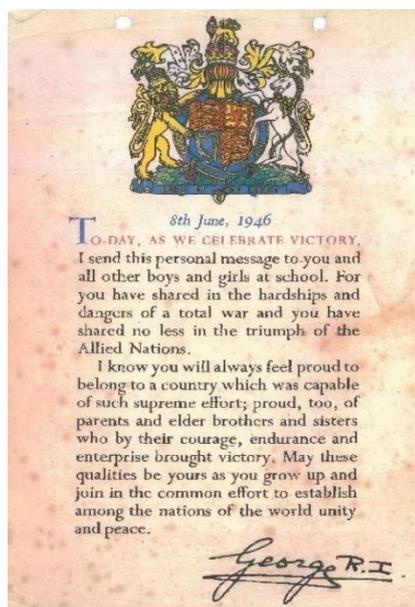
MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

KEEPING IN TOUCH #6



Dear Parents and Friends,

We are so pleased to hear that lots of our children have enjoyed their learning about World War II this week, in preparation for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.



On Facebook and in learning packs, we have been sharing a number of wartime recipes for you to try at home and also a link to a lovely version of 'We'll Meet Again'. If you would like to have a bit of a sing along over the bank holiday weekend it is at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7VxvF1DkSM&app=desktop>.

You may have seen on the Ripon Library page, a letter sent from the King to all the children in the country at the end of the war. I increasingly wonder whether our children must have felt and will feel some of the same emotions now as they did 75 years ago?! For example; sadness and loneliness about missing their friends, anxious about how and when they will be able to be in school again, nervous about being away from their parents during the day after spending such a long time at home and worried about members of their family who they cannot see.

It is particularly difficult when you don't have a date for things to return to some sort of 'normal' and when that does happen, what will normal feel like? You and your children may be aware that there is yet another period of change around the corner, with a potential announcement and time frame about when schools may reopen, partially or fully. I wanted to reassure you that we are always reviewing and considering how we are and will continue to support our children and families at this very emotional and uncertain time.

As soon as we have any clear guidance from the Government and/or the Local Authority, I will be consulting governors and staff to make the best possible decision about how we can and will respond, considering all stakeholders; parents, pupils and staff. A 'blanket approach' for every school in the country may not be possible with differing numbers and needs of children in cohorts. I will be in touch via email as soon as I have any further concrete information to share.

In the meantime, I hope that you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend together and enjoy the media coverage of VE day celebrations as well as your own. Please, please share your photos of you all in red, white and blue, your decorations or party food tomorrow! It would be great to have a 'virtual party'. We continue to miss you all very much and hope that you stay safe at home this weekend. See you on Monday between 1.30pm and 2.30pm or on Tuesday between 9 and 10am for your 'History-themed' learning packs.

With best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

