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May 7th 2020 Newsletter

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We've had lots of positive feedback about **Talk At Ten** from pupils, parents and staff, which is great - we're glad it's working so well. So that they can prepare for the calls, families receive a courtesy email from the school office the day before. We hope that in almost all cases, families will be able to make arrangements to be available for the call as planned. However, if there is a specific difficulty with the day or time proposed parents should email class teachers directly on **Purple Mash** as office staff are not involved in timetabling arrangements.

With children likely spending more time **online**, now is a good time to update knowledge about the dangers that certain websites, apps and social media can pose, so that parents are aware of the steps that can be taken to protect their children.

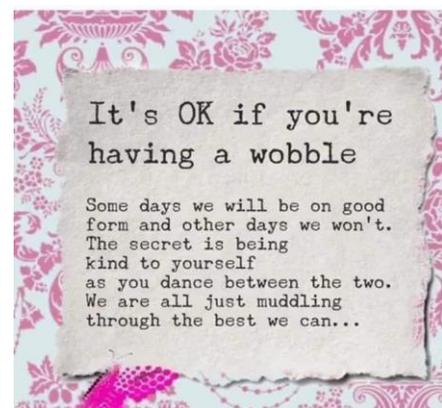
We are pleased to be able to provide parents with access to a safeguarding hub with interactive guides on setting up parental controls on children's devices, as well as information on apps like TikTok, YouTube and Instagram and more. Just click our school's unique link <https://parenthub.thekeysupport.com?uuid=89e8cc08-1ddc-4a7b-a7e1-a14d2efdff17>

As we await further information about plans for a phased partial re-opening schedule for schools, I know we are all looking forward to a time when we can be together again. Until then, take care, enjoy the sunshine and (try to) **always look on the bright side of life!**

Warm regards,  
**Gillian Seymour**



## Thought for the Day



## Pictures of the Week

Alex hands-on in the garden getting to grips with a power tool!



See more fantastic pictures overleaf!

## More Information

### A Note from Emma Davies - Songs to give us hope

#### I can sing a rainbow

A good one to sing as we give thanks for all our dedicated key workers and the hope they bring.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-i-can-sing-a-rainbow/zn3tap3>

#### Keep calm and carry on

Poignant words to celebrate VE Day and to give us hope today. Includes activity sheet.

<https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/ootam-at-home/>

#### Week 7 VE Day

<https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/ext/pdfs/outoftheark-at-home/SongActivity-KEEP-CALM-AND-CARRY-ON.pdf>

#### Peace is flowing like a river

A popular assembly song celebrating hope.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/primary-school-songs-peace-is-flowing/zr2nhbk>

### Sunday Worship for VE day, 10th May

This weekend was to have seen major celebrations and thanksgiving across the UK for the 75th anniversary of the end of the second world war in Europe in 1945. This will be honoured during services on Sunday with a special focus on VE day at 11am. Do join in, using the Zoom app on your PC or tablet. Full details including meeting id's and passwords can be found

on [www.langtreechurches.org](http://www.langtreechurches.org) under Sunday Services.

- 10am Short Service of the Word led by Revd. John. A service with prayers and readings.
- 10am Short community service led by Revd. Linda. An informal service suitable for those who aren't familiar with church.
- 11am VE Day Service led by Revd. Kevin. A service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for VE Day. This service will "open" from 10.50am for those who wish to come early and chat. Do bring your coffee!

### Unicef Rights Respecting Schools – Article of the Week

This week the focus is on Article 14 - Freedom of thought, belief and religion. This article guarantees every child's right to think and believe what they choose and to practice their religion, as long as they are not stopping others from enjoying their rights. As the download for this article is too large to send as an attachment, please email the office if you would like a copy.

### The UK Blessing – Churches sing 'The Blessing' over the UK

Thank you to Emma Craig for sharing an encouraging song of blessing by churches all around the UK. <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtl3mNj5U>

### And Finally In light of 4<sup>th</sup> May earlier this week.....

Q: What do you call Chewbacca when he has chocolate stuck in his hair?

A: Chocolate Chip Wookiee



Naomi creating a poster from her leaf identification walk.



Imogen making iced egg decorations using wild flowers.



Lucy has been growing vegetable seedlings for eating later this summer.

