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Dear parents and carers,

Happy VE Day! Of all the stories that will emerge from this crisis, surely one of the most inspirational is that of Captain (now honorary Colonel) Tom Moore? I am now using his positive mantra of 'today is going to be a good day' to help me get through this, because we are all having good days and bad days. Children in school today will be carrying out some VE day inspired activities and spotted the Spitfire flyover earlier. We have also uploaded some ideas to the school website for you to try at home if you are seeking inspiration for the day.

Our news this week is that sadly, but not unexpectedly, the Bushcraft residential trip booked for later in June has now been moved by the company, to the summer term next year. We will get letters out to those of you affected on Monday regarding how we are going to organise getting refunds back to those children in year 6 and how we will fill their places with children who were on the waiting list. We obviously have our fingers crossed that the year 6 residential to Tregoyd can still go ahead in September, and are watching this carefully.

I will of course sit down on Sunday night to listen to the government's plans about how and when schools will be re-opening. There has been a lot of speculation in the press, which is just causing families and children and staff who are vulnerable or shielding, extra stress. So, let's wait and see. For my part it is the safety of the children and their families, all the staff and the whole school community which is paramount, as we all need to feel safe before we can begin to think about returning to school.

Enjoy the weekend and stay safe.

Elaine Viner

Head Teacher

PS - Please also see the letter from Mr Jack Goodens to help anyone out there who is struggling to access our new SeeSaw platform, which is our way of re-connecting children with their classmates and their teachers.

