



Purley Church of England (VC) Primary School

"Let all that you do be done in love" 1 Corinthians 16:14

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

So many staff were crying on Sunday. Our WhatsApp group was buzzing! Thank you for sending us a video message from the children, we miss them so much. It is on our Facebook page if you missed it. The staff have also been trying to do a video message but you beat us to it. Please share it with your children [Staff Video](#) What an amazing lot you are!

I have really enjoyed catching up with most of you on the telephone and hearing how you are coping with being at home and being teachers. It seems that one of the major challenges is if you have to work from home and be a teacher as well.

Feedback from you is so valuable. It has been a pleasure to pass on your gratitude to the teachers. As we know, it is difficult to please everyone, for example

"Please provide more printable work to save my child being on a device for so many hours and so that devices can be shared among siblings"

"Please do not send work to be printed out as we do not have a printer."



Some of you have expressed concern regarding anxiety levels in your children. I'm so pleased our lockdown isn't like Spain where children haven't been allowed to go outdoors for 40 days! Others of you say that your children are relaxed and enjoying being at home. Yes Futures have put together some information on supporting with wellbeing and can be accessed from the following site.

<https://www.yesfutures.org/resources-for-parents>

One of the things I am really missing is the Choir and having to cancel Purley at the Palladium was such a disappointment. If your child is missing singing/the choir or is younger and future choir members there are online choir practices with warm ups and songs on the following site. Do the "Wiggle Waggle" with your child!

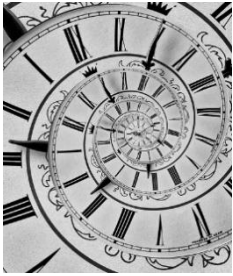
<https://www.singup.org/singupathome/song-of-the-week/?embutton>.



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It seems that people are either really busy or have very little to do. At school we continue with as many of our routines as possible. Thank you to everyone for their replies regarding the changes to the length of the school day. Eighty four responses! You are overwhelmingly in favour of extending the school day. After discussing with all stakeholders we have decided to extend the school day by 15 minutes. From Sept, school will finish at 3:15, if we are back by then!



This Friday is a Bank Holiday, so children would not have been in school so that they could celebrate VE Day. We had originally planned a tea party at school for the Thursday. I believe the Community of Purley have some plans for decorating the village with bunting. According to the news, the Queen will make a speech and there is a doorstep singing challenge to sing "We'll meet again" such an iconic song which is part of our heritage. I also enclose a flyer detailing arrangements made for the village. I do hope you will join in.

On the following link you will find the background of the song to share with your children.

<https://www.smoothradio.com/features/the-story-of/well-meet-again-vera-lynn-meaning-lyrics/>

We'll meet again
Don't know where
Don't know when
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day
Keep smiling through
Just like you always do
'Till the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away

So will you please say hello
To the folks that I know
Tell them I won't be long
They'll be happy to know
That as you saw me go
I was singing this song

We'll meet again
Don't know where
Don't know when

But I know we'll meet again some sunny day



Stay safe,

Mrs Fakes