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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: VE Day Celebration – Thursday 8th May

We are delighted to inform you that next Thursday, Sandhill Primary School will be hosting a special celebration to mark **VE Day (Victory in Europe Day)**.

This will be a **non-uniform day**, and we kindly ask that children come dressed in **red, white, and blue** – the colours of the Union Jack – to show their support and spirit. Throughout the morning, children will take part in a range of activities to help them learn about the significance of this historical event, including:

- **Learning about the end of World War II in Europe and the celebrations that took place on 8 May 1945**
- **Understanding the importance of peace and community rebuilding**
- **Exploring the roles of key historical figures such as Winston Churchill and the Allied leaders**
- **Discovering what life was like for people in Britain during wartime and the joy that VE Day brought after years of hardship**

In the afternoon, we will continue our celebrations with a **traditional-style street party in the playground**, giving the children a real taste of what VE Day celebrations were like all those years ago.

To help us provide food and decorations for the party, we kindly ask for a **£1 donation per child**, ideally brought into school before Thursday; however, on the day of the celebration if needed.

Why are we celebrating VE Day?

We believe it is vital for children to learn about VE Day because it marks a pivotal moment in world history — the end of a devastating conflict and the beginning of peace in Europe. Celebrating VE Day helps our pupils develop an understanding of the importance of resilience, hope, and community spirit. It offers a valuable opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices made by previous generations and to appreciate the freedoms we enjoy today.

We look forward to a wonderful day of learning and celebration and thank you, as always, for your support.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

James Haywood