



BAYSIDE
ACADEMY

1st May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I really hope that everyone is well and managing to stay positive during what is an incredibly challenging time for us all.

Please remember that we are here to help – the school email is manned daily and you will be receiving weekly calls from your child's / children's teacher(s). Don't be afraid to ask for support if you need it regardless of the reason: this might be about the learning set but could equally be support for you. We are in contact with a wide variety of professionals and services who can help from anything to the provision of food to mental health support. The Purple Mash email system also continues to be checked daily by class teachers, who are really enjoying seeing some of the excellent work that the children are producing.

I would love to tell you when and how the children will return to Bayside. I'm sure that you are as keen for this to happen as I and all the staff are. Unfortunately, I cannot give you any information about this currently, other than we will follow all guidance from government in order to re-integrate children back into school in a safe and efficient manner. I know that for many children this will be a process that causes anxiety: we are already planning for how we will make sure that everyone is supported.

Friday 8th May was due to be a national celebration on the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. Understandably, VE Day events have been cancelled or postponed, but we would still like to mark this occasion over the next week. Therefore, as part of the children's learning packs, we have included some activities related to VE Day.

We would also like to support BBC Radio Solent in calling on residents of the South to celebrate the anniversary from home by making their own special VE Day 'Great British Bunting' to display in their windows from the 8th – 10th May. In a time of social distancing, displaying bunting in our windows is a really good way to show both togetherness and to mark the occasion, honouring the men and women of WW2. The BBC welcome sharing of photos of bunting on social media using the hashtags #GreatBritishBunting & #VEDay75. They will feature many photos and stories across the Bank Holiday weekend.

I have attached some information about making the bunting as well as a template. You can use plain paper to create, but I have also arranged for templates to be available at the Premier shop – many thanks to them for allowing this to happen.

Please do continue to stay safe and pass on my best wishes to all in the community.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Vernon
Principal

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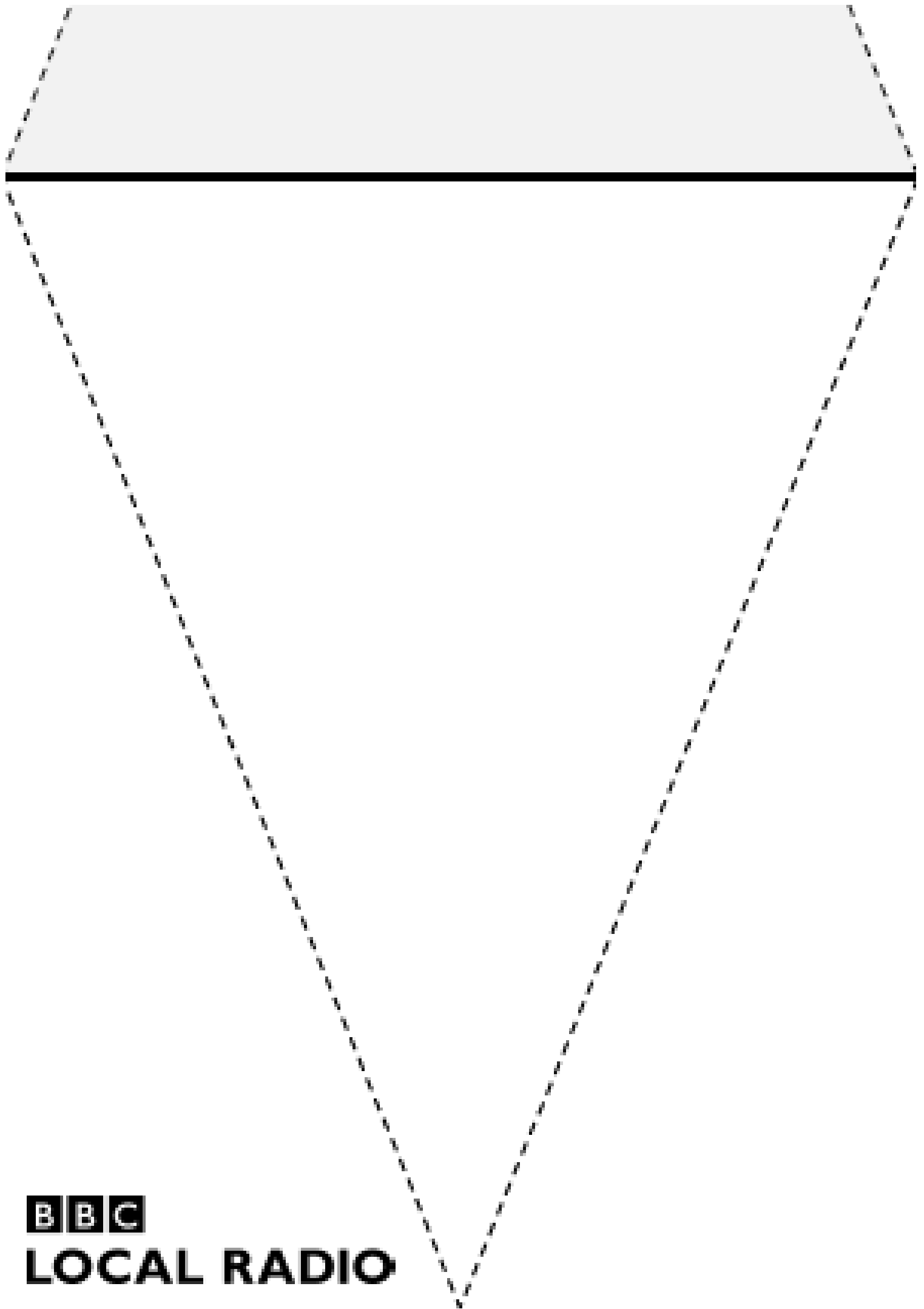
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How to Make Your VE Day 'Great British Bunting'

#GreatBritishBunting

#VEDay75

1) Make your flags:

To print out the template:

- Download and print the template from bbc.co.uk/makeadifference
- Cut along the dotted lines

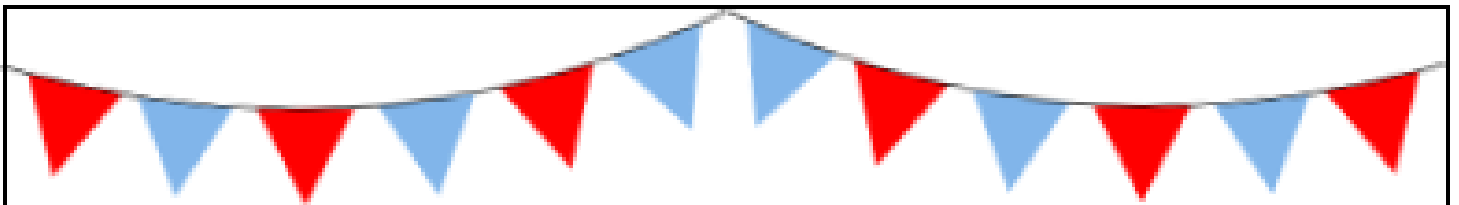
OR

To make your own template:

- Take an A4 piece of paper long ways up (portrait)
- Fold over about 2cm at the top
- Fold the paper in half long ways
- Draw a line diagonally from the outside of the paper at the top to the fold in the middle at the bottom
- Cut along that line through both sides of the paper
- Unfold your paper

2) Decorate your bunting:

- Decorate the main triangle but leave the top strip blank
- You can decorate with anything you want – paint, pencils, collage, glitter, stickers, crayons, pens
- You can draw anything that inspires you but here are some ideas if you get stuck:
 - ❖ A soldier from WW2
 - ❖ Your grandfather who was in the navy
 - ❖ Your grandmother who worked for the RAF
 - ❖ Union Flag
 - ❖ A dove of peace
 - ❖ Your message of thanks
 - ❖ Your hero



3) Construct your bunting

- When you've decorated all of your flags, fold along the solid black line to make a flap
- Put the flap over your string or ribbon and glue or tape the flap in place
- Leave a gap between each triangle and keep adding them until you're done with a spare bit of string/ribbon on each end for hanging
- Hang your bunting in your window for people to enjoy!

We'd love to see your wonderful bunting and to share it with more people on our social media. Send us your photos or tag us in your social media posts – don't forget to use the hashtags #GreatBritishBunting and #VEDay75.

Get in touch with your BBC Local Radio station to let us know who you will be remembering this VE Day and how you will be marking the commemorations at home. You can find contact details for your local station at bbc.co.uk/makeadifference.