



Ref: AJC/KR

4 May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: VE Day Celebrations – ‘Memories of World War II’ Pilgrim Academy Project

Firstly, I hope you are all well. Thank you to those who have signed up to FROG – it is lovely to see all the messages some of the pupils have been sending to their teachers. If you have not yet had a chance to explore, please go to the Student Zone on the main website for details.

This week, there will be a great deal of coverage in the news about the 75th anniversary of VE Day on Friday 8 May 2020. I had an idea about launching a community project involving the staff, parents and children of Pilgrim Academy.

Many of you will have had relatives who were involved in the war in some way and, like me, have probably had tales passed down from one generation to another. I thought it would be an idea to try and collate these memories to give the children an idea of the experiences people had at the time, to enhance their understanding of life during World War II.

What do I do if I would like to be involved?

If you have some information you would like to share about a relative, please write down the details and include a photo if you have one. This might be a nice opportunity for the children to contact older relatives and interview them by telephone, who may have memories of fighting: the Home Front, rationing, evacuation or maybe the period after the war. *This can be as brief or as detailed as you wish.*

How do I send my story through to Mr Clark?

This can be done in two ways.

- Firstly, you can upload your story to your class page on FROG. If you do this, can you please send a message to your teacher to let them know it is there. They will then send it to me.
- Secondly, stories can be sent by email to: enquiries@pilgrimacademy.co.uk.

Does it need to be in a particular format?

Not really. If you visit the current 'VE Day Remembrance' tab on the website, you will see that I have put an example about my own grandad – it is called, 'Mr Clark remembers his Grandad'. If you try something along these lines, but as I say, there is no particular format necessary.

When do I need to complete my story by?

Can the information please be sent to me by the end of Wednesday 6 May 2020. This will give me a chance to collate the stories and upload them to the website in preparation for VE Day on Friday 8 May 2020.

Sharing the stories publicly:

If you send a story through, I will presume that you are happy for this to be shared on the Academy website. If this is not the case, can you please indicate this when you send your information through.

All the best to you and your families at this time.

Yours faithfully



Mr A J Clark
Principal