



Communication is a priority for us once again this year, we will communicate to parents and carers using **School Ping**. In addition, we use **Twitter and Instagram** to share what's going on within the Academy daily. Please make sure you are following us **@Darlinghurstsch** on Twitter and **@DarlinghurstAcademy** on Instagram

## Message from the Principal

Dear parents, carers and children,

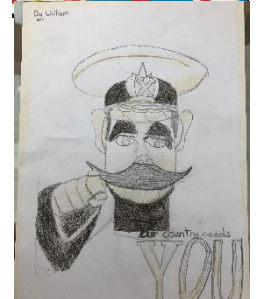
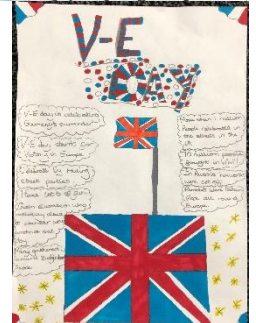
Today I would like to take this opportunity to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. I am thankful to all those who have and currently serve in our armed forces and the sacrifice that men and women made and still make for us so we have brighter tomorrows. I would like to celebrate our war heroes and also those heroes supporting us through this current crisis. On the news, the nation has been celebrating the commitment of Captain Tom in serving our country in past years but also during recent months as he in turn praises the contributions of key workers today. I often say to our children to learn from the example of successful people and to dream big. Colonel Tom is a great example of someone who set himself a goal and achieved great things. And who would have thought a 100-year-old would be no 1 in the charts with a Charity song, 'You'll Never Walk Alone'.

Recently on the Queen's birthday, the Queen made reference to the war time song, 'We'll Meet Again' and NHS workers have released a charity version of the song too. We can take meaning from the lyrics of such songs, poignant at this point in time, as they were back then. Our children and staff have been reflecting on the lyrics of wartime songs and produced a version of the song, 'White Cliffs of Dover', to share with you. Please take a look at our Darlinghurst Academy IGTV and listen to our song. We hope you enjoy listening to it. I would like to thank Alix, Rayan, Scarlet, Mrs Salter and Mrs Peoples for singing this beautiful song.

Our children have also been learning about VE Day and showing their creativity through producing poetry and art in commemoration. I would like to share some of their beautiful work with you. Thank you Jamie, Daisy, William, Thomas, Ronny and Grace for sharing your talents with us.

My own grandfather, Stan Fautley, loved to sing and write poetry. He served in the Royal Air Force as a member of the Halifax air crew, carrying out many missions over Germany. His love of poetry and prose enabled him to record his experiences and feelings during this time and in later years he collated these into a book called, 'Pipe Thoughts'. Having the opportunity to read his poems and short stories, gave me insight into World War Two and also his character.

My grandad's aircraft was a Halifax Bomber DY-L and he wrote a poem called **L** for London. He wrote the poem as a prisoner in a prisoner of war camp, 'Stalag 4B' in 1942.

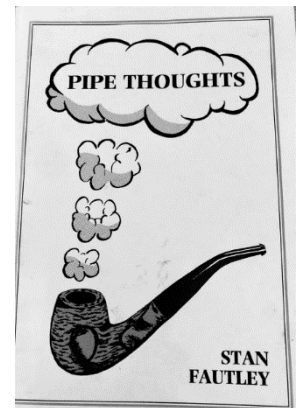
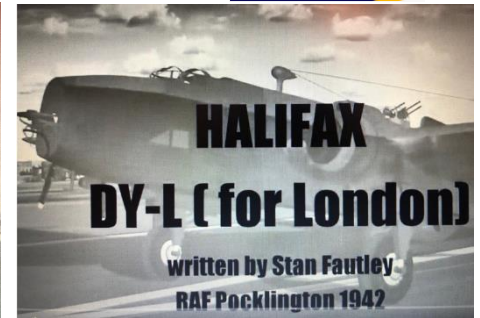




## L for London

Each night our squadron takes the air,  
One Halifax we view with pride.  
The one that takes us over there;  
The one that bears upon her side  
The enemies defence in frenzy tries  
To stop is, but we are not tired  
Deep in our hearts we realise  
The reason why we are inspired.  
We fly in L for London"

A recorded version of the poem can be found on You Tube -  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JLJdHntGc>



My grandad was a determined fellow who escaped three times from stalag 4B. He was recaptured, to be finally imprisoned in Colditz Castle - as a multiple escapee, where he stayed until the end of the war. He writes about such times in his book in shorty prose called, 'name, rank and number' and 'hole in the wall'. I am sure many of you have personal stories of those you hold dear who have served or serve in the forces and join me in saying thank you. Enjoy your celebrations this weekend and stay safe.

During recent times we have seen people coming together and sharing hope for a brighter tomorrow. We are currently awaiting Government announcements and guidance of the next phase for the country and this includes the potential reopening of schools, with reintegration planning. I know many of you will be wondering what this will look like and the plan for Darlinghurst. I will share our response with you, as soon as I can. Please be assured that when planning for the re-admittance of the children, our key drivers will be the safety of our children, families, staff and the local community. Until then we will continue to work together, as we have been and I thank you for your continued support.

## Mrs Nicholls

What have you missed out on **Twitter and Instagram** this week?





## DB Primary

We are so proud of how lots of children have responded to working at home using DB Primary. Your child could be rewarded for engaging in online work, completing tasks set on DB Primary, responding to emails, blogs and forums, completing an AR quiz and using TTRS/Numbots regularly. Children who are receiving work packs from Mrs Grant will also be included. They will also receive a reward if they are included in the weekly 'Celebrating Excellence Shout Out' video by Mrs Nicholls.

At Darlinghurst we know that A to D leads to E and we want to celebrate excellence together. Your child's achievement could be anything from learning to bake through to playing a musical instrument or mastering skipping. You may want to celebrate their confidence or creativity, their determination towards trying something new or taking a risk. Let's give them a 'shout out!'

If you would like to nominate your child for Celebrating Excellence, please send your nominations to [mrsocarroll@darlinghurst.co.uk](mailto:mrsocarroll@darlinghurst.co.uk)



## Maths – Home Learning Keeping our Numbers Ticking Over

### TTRS

Well done to all those children who are using this time to really learn their times tables. It is important that you do this daily. I have put on DB primary support for learning your times tables. Currently on year 3 – 6 DB primary pages. Keep enjoying playing Rock Stars and learning your times tables at the same time. Look out for the new competition on Monday. Remember to play Garage daily which will take you forward and Soundcheck and Studio 2=3 times a week.

### Numbots

Well done for those who have managed to get on to this as it helps you learn your addition and subtraction facts by instant recall. We will continue to roll this out in the coming week.

### Maths with Parent

This is a great way to allow your children to watch a video about how a to learn a concept. It also provides activities to help them practise the concept taught. These videos are taught by children and I challenge Darlinghurst children to learn from these videos and the create their own video of what they have learnt. It would be great to have our own children help to teach each other. You can email your video to Mr Cauchi or attach it to DB Primary. We have loads of parents sign up so join in the fun. If you have any concerns then email Mr Cauchi and I will sort but be patient as there are loads of parents signing up.

Get signed up to Maths with Parents where you can watch videos to help learn maths. It's very supportive for understanding maths as it is explained by children.

### To Sign Up

- 1) Visit <http://www.mathswithparents.com>
- 2) Click the Enter Site button, then the New Parent button
- 3) Enter details about you and your child and click Confirm
- 4) Enter your child's 6-digit class code (once you have registered, you will not need this again!)

Please note that your activation for your class can be found on DB primary or email your teacher if you are unsure.

Mr Cauchi's Rock on videos, counting sticks and Mrs Hahn's body counting videos

Grooving at home, we hope to continue to help you with your recall of numbers which will help you with learning number facts. Stay tuned for more videos coming your way Rock ON!!!