

GS/DWD

15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

**May Day Bank Holiday – Change of date - School Term Dates 2019-20**

There has been an announcement from the Government recently that next year's May Day Bank Holiday has moved from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 so that it coincides with the anniversary of VE day.

Please be aware of this change in bank holiday day. Here is a snippet of the news broadcast from:

***The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, Ministry of Defence, The Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, and The Rt Hon Penny Mordaunt MP.***

"The occasion will remember the contribution of British, Commonwealth and Allied armed forces personnel; those who contributed to the war effort and safeguarded the Home Front. As well as marking the Allies' victory in 1945, the bank holiday will serve as an opportunity to pay tribute to those who have served and continue to serve in the UK Armed Forces and their families.

Commemorative events will take place over the 3-day weekend across the country, including:

- *the Nation's Toast, where over 20,000 pubs will encourage patrons to raise a glass to the Heroes of World War II*
- *bagpipers playing the traditional Battle's O'er at the top of the 4 highest peaks in the UK – Ben Nevis in Scotland, Scafell Pike in England, Mount Snowdon in Wales, and Slieve Donard in Northern Ireland*
- *bells in churches and cathedrals across the country joining forces in a special Ringing Out for Peace*
- *local street parties and celebrations across the 3-day weekend"*

On the build up to the week of the VE day Bank Holiday, Outwood Academy Portland will also be engaging in a number of celebrations within the academy.

More information on the government website can be found at the link below.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/news/2020-may-bank-holiday-will-be-moved-to-mark-75th-anniversary-of-ve-day?fbclid=IwAR2Zj8RVcfLHgh97OKHe\\_-NVot\\_EdyRfWADLA9drRyaBRZCSMfCFIBRH1yw](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/2020-may-bank-holiday-will-be-moved-to-mark-75th-anniversary-of-ve-day?fbclid=IwAR2Zj8RVcfLHgh97OKHe_-NVot_EdyRfWADLA9drRyaBRZCSMfCFIBRH1yw)

Yours sincerely



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Principal