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| Dear all What lovely weather we are going to have for the Bank Holiday weekend and what a shame we can’t leave home to enjoy it! Despite this being the case, I hope that as many of you as possible are able to find ways to appreciate not having the pressure of Home Learning and (perhaps) no work for 3 days.Have you had a look at our website this week? There have been some exciting additions, not least of which are suggestions for how you might celebrate the anniversary of VE day tomorrow. Please take a look if you haven’t yet had the chance; there has been a lot of good feedback about what you can find here: [https://highworth.eschools.co.uk/web/story\_time\_with\_highworth\_staff/478292](https://highworth.eschools.co.uk/eletters/web/story_time_with_highworth_staff/478292)You will no doubt have heard that the Prime Minister is due to make an announcement on Sunday about how some of the current restrictions might be eased, including perhaps the gradual re-opening of schools. As usual, the only information available to me about how this will happen is speculation within the media so I shall be listening to the announcement with baited breath! If and when more details are provided, the team here will be working hard to create a plan with the primary objective of keeping all in our community of children, staff and parents safe.School has been closed for almost 7 weeks now and the impact upon us all is becoming increasingly apparent. Some will be enjoying spending more time with family, but many will be finding it really difficult for a multitude of reasons. I would therefore like to remind you that there is a dedicated section of our website that has numerous wellbeing suggestions: [https://highworth.eschools.co.uk/web/wellbeing/476538](https://highworth.eschools.co.uk/eletters/web/wellbeing/476538).It is also important to pass on the following information:***It’s an unsettling time for children, young people, & families. If you are worried, call us for advice.NHS Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Mental Health Helpline 24/7Adults: 01865 904 997Children and young people: 01865 904 998***As ever, my love and best wishes to you allClare Pankhania |

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