

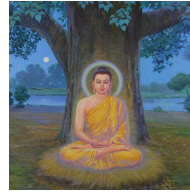


To all the children at West Jesmond Primary School,
We are missing being in school with you but we hope that you and your family are all keeping well.

On 7th May, Buddhists across the world take time to remember the birth, enlightenment and death of the first Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama. This celebration is known as, 'The Day of Vesak', and is celebrated on the full moon day in the month of May. As Buddhists celebrate this special day, maybe you could reflect on celebrations that your family have, such as Eid, Christmas, Passover, Holi or Guru Nanak Jayanti day- what similarities or differences can you find between these days of celebration and the Buddhist one? You could look at these two sites to find out more about the Buddhist celebration:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1pQwj-CNZ8>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48106687>



This week across the UK, it is a time for celebrating, and a time to remember sacrifices that others made to help keep friends and families safe; just like what we are doing now- we are giving up spending time with our loved ones and our special friends as we know that this is keeping them safe.

If we had been in school, we would have been celebrating V.E. Day, (Victory in Europe), because on 8th May it is 75 years since the end of WW2. Many families across the world lost loved ones in the war as they fought to keep their families safe, so Friday is a time to remember them and to celebrate being able to live a free life- I'm sure Mrs Hague would have had us all singing a fabulous song from that era.

When we return to school we are also looking forward to celebrating with our whole school family by seeing the huge rainbow of handprints that we are all going to contribute to. This will be a fabulous visual reminder of how we were united in keeping our school community safe. What colour will you choose for your handprints, and how will you decorate them? We're very excited to see the beautiful array of colour.

With best wishes to you and your family from,
Mrs Kennett, Mrs Adair, Mrs McCubbin and Mrs Trench.



