

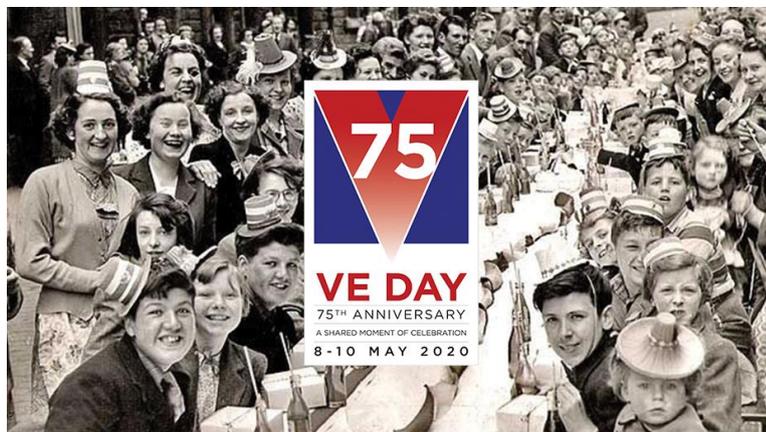
Year 6 Newsletter – W.C. 4TH May 2020

Hi everyone. How are you this week? We hope you have enjoyed the first week of our newsletters and Home Learning plans. Thank you for uploading your work onto Purple Mash and for logging into and using the websites we have suggested. It has been great to see what you have been learning and producing. Don't worry if you have not been able to complete all that we have suggested; it is only a guide. We aim to plan interesting things for you to do each week to ensure you keep up with your learning whilst at home so remember to do a variety of the things suggested and include some exercise, creativity and quiet time (off screen!) too.

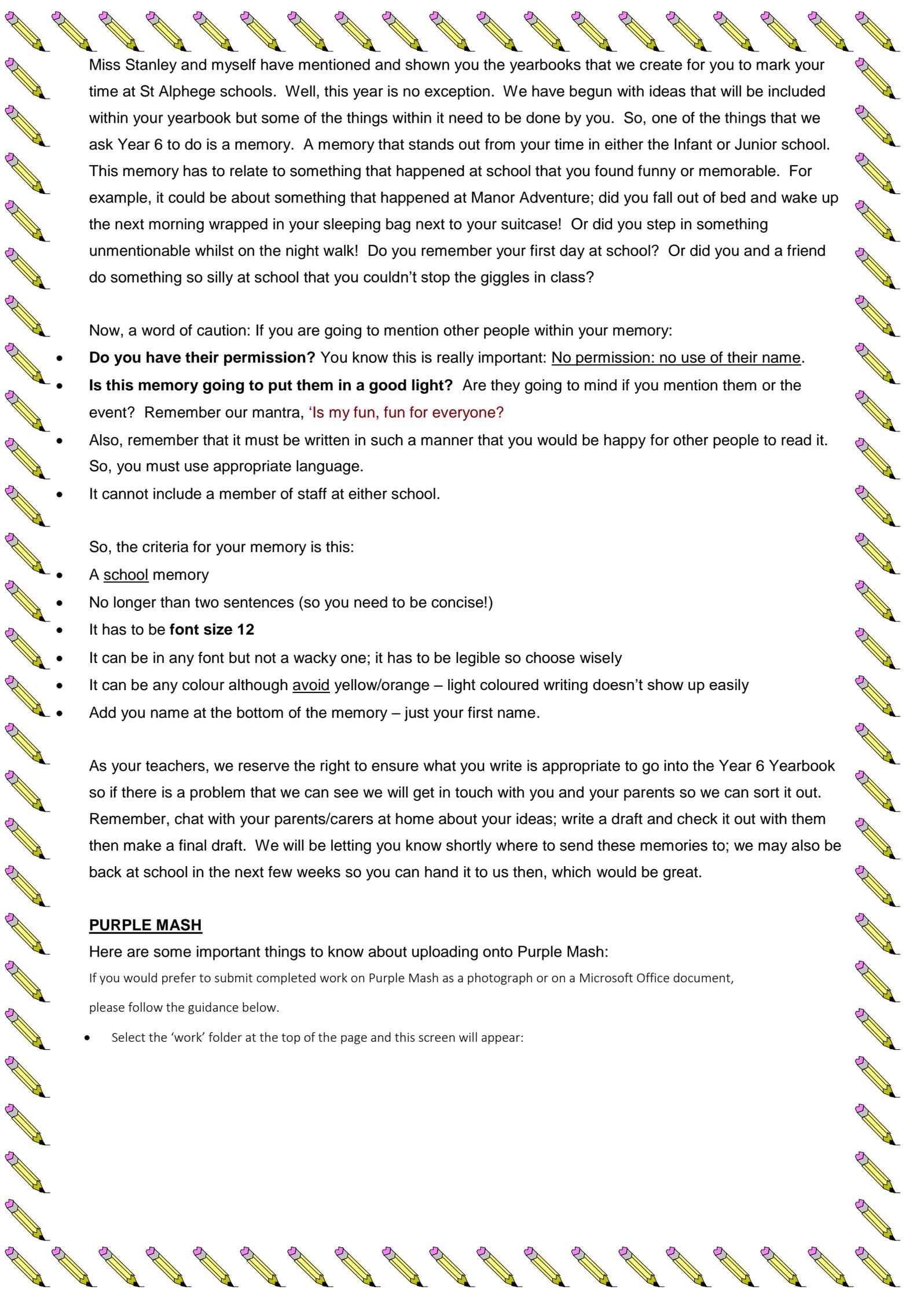
Friday, 8th May 2020

Do you know why this date is significant this year? It relates to a very important event that happened 75 years ago. **When was that then?** Yes, it was 1945. **So, have you any other ideas as to what this relates to?** Well, if you remember from our studies about WWII, D-Day was a significant event in our country's history and indeed in the history of the world. The Allies besieged the beaches in Normandy, France and so began the liberation of Europe from the west whilst the allied Russian forces began an invasion from the east. Together, they overcame the Nazi forces, which were forced to agree to an official surrender on Monday, 7th May 1945. The war in Europe was finally over and **Tuesday, 8th May 1945** was made a public holiday to celebrate this momentous event. It was known as **VE day**; Victory in Europe day. So, this Friday, 8th May, there will be national commemorations to mark this important event. There will be a National two minute silence at 3pm across our country; a remembrance service at the Cenotaph in London and other key events across the country.

To reflect this auspicious date, we have themed your tasks this week towards VE Day and the ending of WWII later in 1945. We hope that this will add to your learning from the autumn term about the World Wars and how our country was affected at this time. We have tried to include some online and offline activities that you will enjoy and find interesting. Do include your family in this learning and talk about what you learn and are doing. Remember it is important to mark these significant events as a nation so if you can, put a reminder up somewhere you will see it (the fridge, your notice board etc) for the two-minute silence on Friday at 3pm. The BBC will be covering this too so you could watch it on TV and be part of this momentous occasion.



Your Yearbook 2020



Miss Stanley and myself have mentioned and shown you the yearbooks that we create for you to mark your time at St Alphege schools. Well, this year is no exception. We have begun with ideas that will be included within your yearbook but some of the things within it need to be done by you. So, one of the things that we ask Year 6 to do is a memory. A memory that stands out from your time in either the Infant or Junior school. This memory has to relate to something that happened at school that you found funny or memorable. For example, it could be about something that happened at Manor Adventure; did you fall out of bed and wake up the next morning wrapped in your sleeping bag next to your suitcase! Or did you step in something unmentionable whilst on the night walk! Do you remember your first day at school? Or did you and a friend do something so silly at school that you couldn't stop the giggles in class?

Now, a word of caution: If you are going to mention other people within your memory:

- **Do you have their permission?** You know this is really important: No permission: no use of their name.
- **Is this memory going to put them in a good light?** Are they going to mind if you mention them or the event? Remember our mantra, '**Is my fun, fun for everyone?**'
- Also, remember that it must be written in such a manner that you would be happy for other people to read it. So, you must use appropriate language.
- It cannot include a member of staff at either school.

So, the criteria for your memory is this:

- A school memory
- No longer than two sentences (so you need to be concise!)
- It has to be **font size 12**
- It can be in any font but not a wacky one; it has to be legible so choose wisely
- It can be any colour although avoid yellow/orange – light coloured writing doesn't show up easily
- Add your name at the bottom of the memory – just your first name.

As your teachers, we reserve the right to ensure what you write is appropriate to go into the Year 6 Yearbook so if there is a problem that we can see we will get in touch with you and your parents so we can sort it out. Remember, chat with your parents/carers at home about your ideas; write a draft and check it out with them then make a final draft. We will be letting you know shortly where to send these memories to; we may also be back at school in the next few weeks so you can hand it to us then, which would be great.

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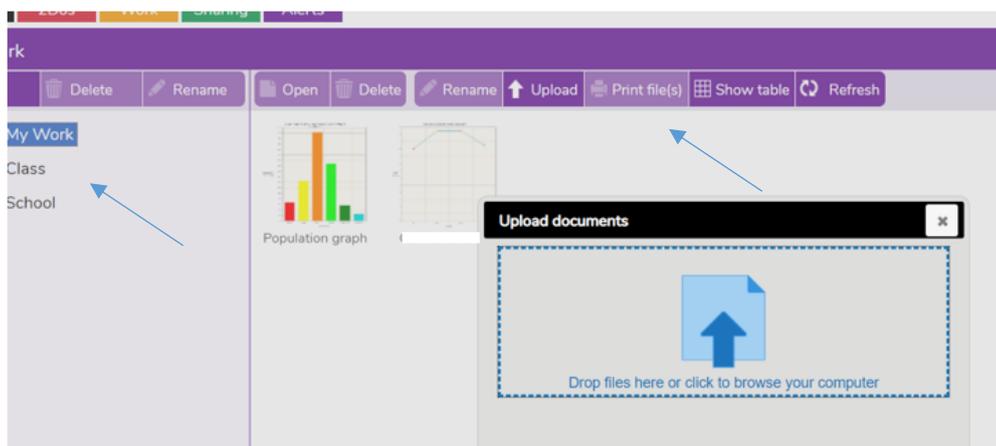
Here are some important things to know about uploading onto Purple Mash:

If you would prefer to submit completed work on Purple Mash as a photograph or on a Microsoft Office document, please follow the guidance below.

- Select the 'work' folder at the top of the page and this screen will appear:



- Select the 'My Work' folder and click 'Upload'. You will then be taken to your computer files and you can select the file that you would like to upload.



This is how the uploaded document will look in the 'My Work' folder for teachers to view/feedback on:



We hope this is useful to you and we look forward to seeing what you have been doing and learning.

That's all from us this week. We hope you have an enjoyable week and find the activities and learning we have set interesting and informative. **Remember, the National two-minute silence on Friday** and do take part.

The Year 6 Team.