



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Re: INVITATION FROM PARLIAMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN 2015 SCHOOL INITIATIVE

Dear Cassandra Williams

Congratulations! Thurton Church of England Primary School has been nominated by Parliament's 2015 Anniversaries Team to represent your constituency in an exciting national initiative run by the Houses of Parliament. Due to your previous engagement with Parliament by entering the Speaker's School Council Awards, we would like to extend this invitation of participation to you. We have informed your local MP Mr Richard Bacon of your nomination.

In 2015 Parliament will be celebrating two historic anniversaries that signify the beginnings of a journey to rights and representation in the UK, namely the 800th year of the sealing of Magna Carta and the 750th anniversary of the Simon de Montfort Parliament.

To mark the anniversary of the Montfort Parliament of 1265, where elected representatives of the shires and the Burgesses came together for the first time, Parliament is inviting 650 schools, one from every constituency, to design a flag to represent where they live.

We are writing to you as one of the specially chosen schools to invite you to represent your constituency in this project. We would be grateful if at this stage you could get in touch by **Friday the 20th of June** to confirm the acceptance of your nomination and your participation in the initiative. If you do not feel you can take part, please also get in touch as soon as possible as we would like to offer this opportunity to another school in your area before the summer holidays commence.

Commitments

You will be required to work with a group of students of your choosing (aged 7-11) to design a flag to represent your constituency. You will be provided with a Flag Production Toolkit with all the information that you'll need to run a fun and creative flag making session with your students. We anticipate that the flag making will take no longer than one lesson to complete, and is suitable to support the History and/or Citizenship curriculum. The process has been designed to be flexible so you may use whatever timeframe suits your programme of work.

We advise that the design and production process takes place in the autumn term 2014. Finished designs must be back to us by **1st December 2014**.

Celebrating designs

All submitted designs from participating schools will be displayed online in a 2015 Anniversaries digital exhibition space. This is an exciting opportunity to showcase your school's flag and for you and your students to share your design and success with all your friends and neighbouring schools as well as with other participants across the UK. All participating schools will also receive a special display certificate from Parliament to recognise their participation in this project.

A selection of flags will be chosen to represent the nations and regions across the UK and will be sewn into flags to fly at a special event at Parliament in 2015.

What next?

We hope that you are able to take up your nomination for this initiative. Please could you confirm your participation along with key contact details by emailing Matt Meyer at 2015flags@parliament.uk or by calling **0207 219 4032**. On receipt of your confirmation we will send you your own 2015 Flags Toolkit to begin your preparation to design a flag with your students to represent where you live and will keep in touch with you throughout the process.

Yours sincerely

Parliament's 2015 Anniversary Team

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