

## Answers for Quiz on 2020

1. Job applications from weirdos and misfits were invited from people to work at 10 Downing Street.
2. Kirk Douglas was the famous actor who died this year and is associated with the phrase "I am Spartacus".
3. In February the Church of England advised against the practice of 'intinction' – which is dipping the communion wafer in wine.
4. In a world "where you can be anything, be *kind*" wrote actress Caroline Flack on Instagram in December 2019.
5. We were supposed to wash our hands in March while singing the National Anthem or Happy Birthday twice.
6. This year was a leap year. We call other years common years.
7. Eyam is the village in the peak district is associated with self-isolation during a previous plague.
8. Quarantine is forty days long, literally, the word derives from the Italian expression quaranta giorni.
9. President Macron visited Britain on 18<sup>th</sup> July to commemorate De Gaulle's broadcast to France in 1940. It was also the anniversary of the battle of Waterloo.
10. The United States, Europe, Russia and China have all launched space rockets to Mars this year.
11. The Foreign Office cat, Palmerston, in his resignation letter in August on Twitter posted, "I have championed our work, built our relationships and celebrated the diversity of our staff... and will always be an ambassador for the UK and the new Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office" after a four year career in Downing Street which had included scraps with a neighbour. He was going to spend more time with a family in the country.
12. Boxing Day is the day furthest away from Christmas Day (because you cannot travel backwards in time - think about it)
13. The Battle of the Tennis Court was part of the Burma Campaign during the Second World War. It was remembered in August as part of VJ commemorations.
14. The BBC banned singing the lyrics from which Rule Britannia from the Last night of the Proms because it had a link in their mind with slavery and colonialism. The decision was since reviewed.
15. This year marked the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the voyage of the *Mayflower*. Their celebration of harvest gave rise to Thanksgiving.