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Dear Parent/Carer,

On Wednesday 13th March we will be taking Year 6 to 'The Children at War' exhibition in Hertfordshire. The centre offers the children the chance to experience life as an evacuee, as well as how school and home life differs from the 1940s to the present day. There is also a museum with war memorabilia and opportunities to see what life was like. Though this is after finishing our World War II topic, we know that this will be beneficial to help consolidate the children's learning and have real hands-on experience.

We hope that this will bring to life their curriculum topics on World War II, in both History and English which we focused on over the Autumn Term. The children must wear full school uniform with trainers that may get muddy when we explore the outdoor gardens. As we are visiting in March, and the children will be spending time outside please also provide them with a named waterproof jacket / coat and gloves (weather dependant).

The children and adults will be travelling by coach from Park Avenue Base, and to make the most of their day, we will leave promptly at 8.45am, therefore the children should arrive in school at 8.30am and enter via the hall where they will be met by their class teachers for registration. The coach will return to school for 3.20pm. The children will need a packed lunch in a named rucksack; please remember no nuts, fizzy drinks, cans or glass bottles.

The cost of the trip will be £24.00, which is based on all Year 6 students attending the trip. The trip cost is higher than we normally aim for however 'The Children at War' experience offers a unique learning opportunity in an authentic setting that allows to children to get a real feel for life during the 1940's. As you are aware some of the children that went on the Bristol trip in October have a credit, any credits from the Bristol trip have been applied to this trip. If the cost of the trip is a concern, please contact the school office in confidence to arrange a payment plan. An online consent is available for this trip via www.scopay.com/riverbridge-pri. We are unable to allow the children to take part unless this has been ticked. The contribution is voluntary, however if there is insufficient support, the trip may be cancelled. As a school we cannot fund this type of enrichment visit without voluntary contributions.

If you have any questions about the event please speak to the class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L King
Year 6 Leader