

Chalford Hill Primary School

Dear Parents,

In order to support our World War Two topic and to enhance learning, we would like to take the children to Winchcombe station for an evacuee experience on **Tuesday 30th April**. On the day, they will need to be at bus stop by the pleasure ground by **8.20am** so that we can depart at 8.30am. We will return to school for the normal pick-up time. We are planning a fun-packed, interactive day where the children will be taken back in time to 1940 for a glimpse into wartime life. The evacuee experience will include: a steam train journey to the 'safety of the countryside'; a presentation by Museum staff; an air raid shelter experience with sound effects; fire-fighting with hoses; a sing-song; a spy arrest; and talks by real evacuees.

The children should dress in 1940s style. They will be given an identity label in school and will make a gas mask box. They may also bring a single toy (e.g. teddy bear) if they wish. Some suggestions as to what they might wear are:

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
Cotton dresses	Shirt
Blouses	Flat cap
School pinafore	Knitted pullover
Skirts	Short trousers
Knitted cardigans	Fair-isle 'tank top'
Plaited hair / Ribbons in hair	Long socks
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Please note that even though the children are in costume, they will still need sturdy footwear and a coat as a lot of the experience will be outside.

They will need to bring a suitable wartime lunch, wrapped up and tied with string so that they can carry it themselves. The following are suggestions for what you might include in a rationed lunch:

Wholemeal bread

A scraping of margarine

Small amount of grated cheese

Spam, luncheon meat or corned beef

Sardines

Meat or fish paste

Egg (but this was probably dried egg, not fresh)

Salad

British grown fruit in season e.g. apples, pears, plums, peaches, cherries etc

Plain biscuits e.g. rich tea or custard creams

Home made cakes (probably not chocolate flavour)

Salt and Shake crisps.

Sandwiches were wrapped in greaseproof paper (baking parchment is a good substitute)

Milk, squash or water to drink. Drinks were not sold in plastic bottles but for health and safety reasons please recycle a plastic drink bottle.

They will **NOT** need any money as there will not be a shop.

The PTA are kindly subsidising the trip so we are asking for £12.50 per pupil to cover the remainder. Although the fee is voluntary, we do urge as many families as possible to contribute as the school has only limited funds. If we need to subsidise the visit heavily we may be forced to reconsider organising such events. You can now pay online via pmx.parentmail.com if you have registered.

Please could you complete the attached parental consent form and return it to school by **Tuesday 23rd April at the very latest.** Please note that your child will not be able to go on the trip without a completed consent form.

Many Thanks

Rosie Bradshaw and Jane Attwood

Y5 and Y6 Evacuee experience – April 2019

- I consent to my child taking part in the above activity/trip.
- I confirm that school has up-to-date contact and medical details for my child/children.
- I have paid online / enclose / do not enclose £12.50 towards the trip.

Child's
Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent's
Name: _____

Signature: _____

If any details have recently changed please let the school office know as soon as possible.