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U R G E N T

To the Parents of Children in Classes 3, 4 & 5

Dear Parents,

Visit to Duxford Imperial War Museum – Thursday 6th November, 2014

Class 3, 4 & 5 will be visiting the Imperial War Museum at Duxford on Thursday 6th November, 2014 to support our topic about Remembrance and Britain since the 1940's. Each class will have a wartime classroom workshop about the experiences of children, particularly evacuees, during World War 2 and will visit various hangers and exhibits.

In order to make the day as realistic as possible we would really like all the children and adults accompanying the trip to dress in 1940's clothing. Attached is a worksheet with ideas. The children will require a packed lunch and drink for the whole day (1940's style please, again see the attached worksheet for ideas). Please could you help your child also make a label and gas mask as per the attached worksheets and bring the label and gas mask into School on Tuesday 4th November, 2014

Children will need to bring a waterproof coat as we will be walking outside between the hangers. We will have time to visit the shop so children can bring spending money in a named wallet (up to £5.00) but, it must be their responsibility to look after it.

The coach will leave school at 9:30 am and return to school at approximately 3:00 pm. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £10.00 per child to help cover part of the cost of transport and the workshops, although entry to Duxford is free.

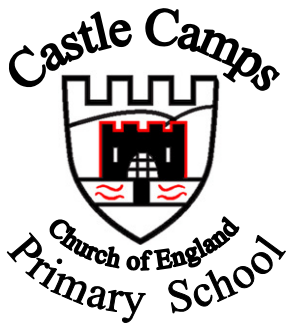
Finally, so that the children can work in smaller groups, enabling them to have more attention and help, we would be very grateful if some extra adults could come along – at no extra cost! If you can help on the day, please indicate on the attached permission slip. Please return by **Thursday 23rd October, 2014**

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. L. French,
Head of KS2

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IDEAS FOR LUNCH BOX AND DRESS – GUIDELINES PROVIDED BY IWM, DUXFORD

Lunch items can include bread with jam, honey, beetroot or Marmite; apples, pears, plums, tomatoes or scrubbed carrots; rock cakes made with dried egg in appropriate wrappers of course. Banned items are cheese, meat, chocolate, crisps, bananas and Postman Pat type lunch boxes!

Coming in wartime dress need not be an expensive enterprise and can be achieved with just a little effort and imagination! If there are difficulties children could always wear school uniform as they would have been evacuated collectively as a school.

Ideas for boys: short trousers, shirt and sweater or sleeveless pullover. Dark knee length socks, shoes, plimsolls or even wellington boots but NOT trainers. If possible, a school cap or balaclava.

Ideas for girls: dress or skirt and blouse with a cardigan. Shoes, plimsolls and short socks. Hats could include hand knitted ones, berets, straw boaters or even balaclavas. Long hair can be tied in plaits. Any items of clothing that are home knit would add to the effect as most adults and children would have worn these.

Ideas for ladies: any dress worn with an apron and a scarf tied around the head is a simple idea and gives an immediate appearance of the wartime housewife. Trousers, dungarees and siren suits (jumpsuits) would be acceptable to represent those working for the war effort as ammunition workers or Land Army girls. Colours of dark blue, khaki, green and browns add a wartime feel.

Ideas for men: a dark suit with a waistcoat and a hat of some description. A look that can be created quite simply is to represent a member of Civil Defence such as an Air Raid Warden. Dark blue overalls, boots and an armband worn on the sleeve (initialled ARP) would create an instant impression. Alternatively, and if obtainable, men could always dress as members of one of the armed forces.

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM VISIT – THURSDAY 6th NOVEMBER, 2014

I give permission for my child _____ to take part in this visit on Thursday 6th November, 2014.

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £ _____ (£10.00 per child) towards costs. (Please make cheques payable to Castle Camps C of E (VC) Primary School).

I am able / unable to accompany the children.

Signed _____ Print Name _____
Date _____

