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Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018

To the Parents of Children in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Dear Parents,

**Visit to Duxford Imperial War Museum – Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Children in Squirrels and Classes in Key Stage 2, will be visiting the Imperial War Museum at Duxford on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December. The purpose of this trip is to support our learning in History this term.

**What to wear**

In order to make the day as realistic as possible, we would like all the children and accompanying adults to dress in 1940's clothing. Attached is a guidelines with ideas. Children will need to bring a waterproof coat as we will be walking outside between the hangers. We appreciate this may be their school coat and not necessary part of their costume.

**What to bring**

The children will require a packed lunch and drink for the whole day (1940's style please, again see the attached guidelines 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 Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends, we will be ordering each child an Evacuee Gift Bag, which will be sent home on the day after the visit. Pupils, therefore, will not require any money with them for the trip.

**Timings and Cost**

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 £6.50 per child** to help cover part of the cost of transport, although entry to Duxford is free. Please note, that we will need to receive sufficient funds for the trip to go ahead.

**Adult Helpers**

If you can help on the day, please indicate on the attached permission slip. When we have received all the forms, teachers will approach parents if you are required for the visit.

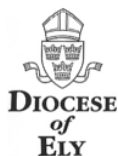
**Please return the reply slip and monies in a sealed envelope by Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December.**

On the front of the envelope, please write 'Duxford Trip' and the name and class of your child.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A. E. O'Connor  
Headteacher

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

### Lunch (1940's theme)

Lunch items (placed in a paper or small canvas bag) 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 (if possible).

The school packed lunch, for those that request it, will include:

- A jam sandwich
- Shortbread biscuit
- Vegetable sticks and fruit
- Water

Please note that this menu may be slightly adjusted for children with special medical diets.

### What to wear

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 children:*

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. Dress or skirt and blouse with a cardigan. Shoes, plimsolls and short socks. Hats could include hand knitted ones, berets, straw boaters. 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 adult helpers:*

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. 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, adults could always dress as members of one of the armed forces.

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## KS1 Years 1 & 2 REPLY SLIP: IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM VISIT – FRIDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ to  
part in this visit on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December.

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £ \_\_\_\_\_ (**£6.50 per child**) towards costs. (Please make cheques payable to Castle Camps C of E (VC) Primary School).

#### *Please tick as appropriate:*

My child will require a free school packed lunch on the day of visit. [    ]

I will provide my child with a packed lunch. [    ]

I am able to accompany the children on the trip. I understand places are limited and that teachers will contact parents directly if additional help is required. [    ]

I am not available to help on this occasion. [    ]

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_