

12th March 2024

Dear Parents

Year 4 Evacuation Experience Trip

We will be 'evacuating' our Year 4 children this summer! This trip ties in with our class read 'The Valley of Lost Secrets', our English writing and our history unit on World War II. It promises to be an educational and immersive experience.



Date: Tuesday 7th May

Time: Children will need to be in the School Hall by **8.30am** in order to depart promptly.
Children will be back in time for the end of the school day at **3.15pm**.

Where: Winchcombe on the GWSR steam train

During the day, the children will be involved in the following activities:

- A steam train journey to the 'safety of the countryside'
- A presentation by museum education staff in role, showing a range of wartime items which pupils will be able to investigate and handle.
- Firefighting practice.
- An air raid experience including a short stay in an 'air raid shelter'.
- A short talk by a real WWII evacuee, with the opportunity to ask questions.
- A 1940s picnic lunch (appropriate food to be provided by parents).
- Final allocation of the children to their 'farming occupations and accommodation'

REQUIRED ON THE DAY:

- All children to dress up as an evacuee
- A small, old fashioned hand-held suitcase (or plain pillowcase) for belongings
- An optional soft toy
- A suitable wartime packed lunch & water bottle

DRESSING UP

Below you will find some ideas for dressing up as an evacuee.



BOYS

Dark shorts
Dark socks
School shoes
Caps
A collared shirt
A 'knitted' tank top/jumper
Waistcoat

GIRLS

Dress
Skirt and blouse
White socks
School shoes
Knitted cardigan
Plaited hair

In school, we will be making identity labels and a gas mask box to finish off their outfits. If you have a small cardboard box at home, please could children bring these into school by Wednesday 1st May.

COST

We are asking parents to make a voluntary contribution of **£18.25** towards the cost of the visit and this can be paid via 2 instalments. It would be impossible to fund the trip out of school money, therefore if insufficient voluntary contributions are raised, it may have to be cancelled. All payments can be made through the ParentPay system. Please make sure that you provide your consent by ticking the appropriate box. Parental consent is necessary for your child to attend this trip and should be made by **Friday 26th April**.

Kind regards

Mrs Jones, Mrs Prew and Mrs Wintle
Year 4 Teachers

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