



9<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Year 3 Visit from Portals to the Past

As part of our exciting topic, 'Keep Calm and Carry On', we have a World War II reenactment visit coming into school on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May**. The children will participate in a range of educational activities and will have the chance to explore genuine WWII artefacts and try on real period clothing. They will discover the true meaning of community spirit and gain a memorable insight into what life was like for people, particularly children, in Britain during World War II.

### Morning activities

The day will begin with a lively introduction to the period, followed by:

- World War II quiz
- Home guard drill
- Discussion with genuine World War II artefacts

### Afternoon activities

The afternoon will begin with a talk about civilian occupations, followed by:

- Air raid precaution training (watch out for the air raid siren – everyone to the shelters!)
- What was in an evacuee's suitcase?
- How fun could still be had in the war, with dancing and a sing-along
- Clothing rationing and utility clothing

This is a historical day and children are encouraged to dress in role of evacuees. Here are some ideas of clothing:

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
Cotton dresses	Shirt
Blouses	Balaclava
School pinafore/skirts	Knitted pullover
Plaited hair or ribbons in hair	Short trousers
Knitted cardigans	Fair-isle 'tank top'



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In addition children can also bring an authentic 'rations' lunch in a gas mask box. Here are some **suggestions** for your 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
- Homemade cakes (probably not chocolate flavour)
- 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 drinks bottle.
- 'Salt and Shake' crisps

A minimum contribution of **£5.50** to help cover the costs would be appreciated. If we do not receive sufficient contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled. Please return your slip and payment to the school office in an envelope with your child's name, class, amount enclosed and what the slip/payment is for by **Thursday 17th May**. Alternatively, payment can be made online via SIMS Agora. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, you are entitled to the trip being funded by school.

Kind regards,

Kathryn Whalley Ben Halima, Kelly Grant & Claire Myers  
Year 3 Teachers

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**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to take part in the WWII Portals to the Past workshop [ ]

I enclose a contribution of **£5.50** / My child is eligible for **Pupil Premium** (please delete as appropriate)

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer) Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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