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Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 6 VISIT TO BEAUMANOR HALL TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2024

As part of our World War II topic, we have arranged for Year 6 to visit Beaumanor Hall, Loughborough on **Tuesday 19th November** to take part in a World War II evacuation experience.

During World War II, Beaumanor was instrumental in the effort to break the German Enigma code. The visit will draw heavily from this rich history to enhance the children's experience. The children will visit a replica air-raid shelter and experience what it would have been like during an air-raid, and will be issued with money, information and ration books, which they will use to plan a meal. They will visit the WWII shop to buy the ingredients and rations they need. Additionally, the children will visit an original WWII camouflaged radio building. They will recreate the original purpose of Beaumanor during WWII by listening for secret codes over real radio frequencies and decode the messages that come through.

Children should arrive at school no later than **7.30 a.m.** as the coach will leave by 7.45 a.m. We will be travelling with our peers from Colsterworth, and we aim to return to school for **4.15 p.m.** Please check ParentMail for any updates.

To help make our day more authentic, and to enhance and bring to life the whole experience of life as a WWII evacuee, we are asking the children to dress as children did in the 1940s. The outfit can be very simple and does not need to be a purchased costume. Please see the attached suggestion sheet but if you have any questions or would like any ideas for a costume then please do let me know.

The children will need to bring with them a packed lunch and plenty of drinks for the day (no fizzy drinks). As some sessions take place outdoors, they will need sensible footwear and a warm or waterproof coat (it doesn't need to be 1940s style!). The cellars are quite cold all year round, so clothing should be warm, whatever the weather.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £24.35 per child towards the cost of the visit. Please be aware that as a school we cannot go ahead if we run the risk of making a loss and this visit will not therefore go ahead without sufficient support. When deciding whether or not to run such an event, consideration has been given to the increased pressure on family finances due to the current economic climate. Please do let us know if you require any additional support in this respect by emailing BEP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk Payment should be made by ParentMail +Pay **Friday 15th November**.

We are all looking forward to an exciting day but if you do have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Miss A Worrall
Class Teacher & Assistant Headteacher

Evacuation Day – Costume Ideas

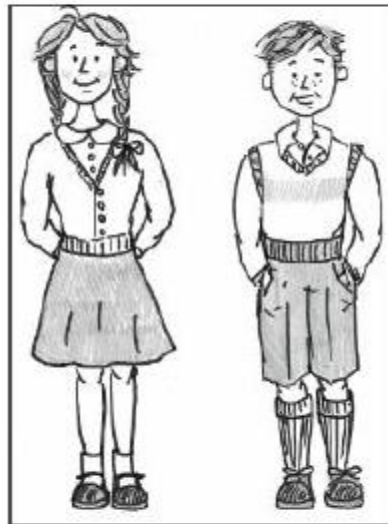
To make the day more immersive, the children might like to dress as an evacuee. Here are some ideas to help.

If the weather is cold please bring a coat with you. Don't worry! It doesn't need to be 1940's style!

Clothes

Girls

- Straw hat, woolly hat or beret
- Hair worn loose, half up, or in plaits
- Hair tied with ribbons or clipped with a slide
- Plain skirt and blouse
- Plain dress
- Knitted V neck jumper or a cardigan
- White long socks or ankle socks
- Plain shoes
- No logos



Boys

- Cap
- Hair combed in a side parting
- Plain shirt with a collar
- Knitted V neck jumper or tank top
- Short trousers ie grey/black school shorts or cut down old trousers
- Blazer or plain jacket
- Long socks
- Dark shoes or boots
- No logos