



6th September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the start of our topic 'A Child's War' this term, we would like to have an ENGAGE activity where children will experience the process and emotions involved in evacuation. 'A Child's War' teaches the children about aspects of World War Two, specifically from a child's perspective; evacuation is a key theme we are learning about and we will be using this theme to inspire our writing.

Year 6 Evacuation ENGAGE Morning: Dress-up day and train station walk

On **Monday 18th September**, we would like the children to come dressed up in typical 1940s WWII dress. Please see the pictures below as examples:



We would also like children to **think** about **one personal item** they would pack if they were being evacuated, in addition to the list they would have been provided with on the opposite page (this is just for your reference and discussion **WE DO NOT EXPECT CHILDREN TO PACK THESE THINGS**). As part of the ENGAGE morning, we would like to walk with the children to South Wigston Train Station. At the station, we will ask the children to consider the feelings of children who were evacuated in WWII and will use this to inspire our diary writing from the perspective of a child who has been evacuated to the countryside. If you have any concerns with your child leaving school to partake in this experience, please discuss them with your class teacher.

To conclude the topic, this term we are hoping to have a '**Victory in Europe Day Party**'. Parents and carers will be invited to this party. The afternoon will involve the children sharing some of their work and learning from this topic, listening to Winston Churchill's VE Day speech, and the performance of a WWII dance (with the opportunity to have a go yourself!) drinks and light refreshments will also be served. The date of this afternoon party will be **Wednesday 11th October**, and you will be invited to join us from **1:40pm to 3pm**.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 6 Team

This is an example of the official document released by the government to families whose children were being evacuated. You could discuss this with you child and how it would make them feel if this was all they could pack of their possessions.

GOVERNMENT EVACUATION SCHEME

TO PARENTS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Government have decided that parents of Schoolchildren in this area are to have the opportunity of sending their children away to a safer district while present enemy activity continues. If you wish your child to go with the organised scheme. Please fill in the form attached to this notice and get your child to bring it to school.

Arrangements to be made.

1. **Clothing.** Your child should take the following in addition to what he or she is wearing, and all the articles must be darned and mended. If any of these articles cannot be provided notify the teacher at once.

BOY.

2 vests
2 under pants
2 shirts
2 pyjamas or night shirts
2 pairs socks
2 pairs boots or shoes
1 Wellingtons (if possible)
1 warm coat and/or mackintosh
(if not being worn)
1 pair of knickers or trousers.
1 pullover
6 handkerchiefs.
1 toothbrush -
1 face flannel
1 comb.
2 towels

GIRL.

2 vests
2 Liberty bodices (if worn)
2 knickers
2 nightdresses or pyjamas
2 pairs socks or stockings
2 pairs shoes
1 Wellingtons (if possible)
1 warm coat and/or mackintosh
1 warm dress or tunic and jersey
1 cardigan
2 cotton frocks
6 handkerchiefs.
1 toothbrush
1 face flannel
1 comb
2 towels

Gas mask
Identity card
Ration book
Clothing and Personal coupons

2. You will wish to do everything possible to ensure that you child goes away with clean clothes, clean hair and a clean body
3. **Luggage.** The child should wear his warmest and thickest footwear. The inventory above is to be taken as minimum requirements, but do remember that your child should not take more than he can carry comfortably.
4. **Food.** Each child should take sufficient food for one day. Be sure your child has his ration book and if pages of coupons out of his book have been deposited with retailers, ask for their return and pin the loose pages into the ration book. You child's ration book, identity card and personal coupons should be packed inside the gas mask case.

PLEASE keep this notice for reference and return the form to your child's school immediately if you want him or her to take part in the evacuation scheme.

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