



CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and carers,

War Week

As Curriculum Leader at school, I am pleased to inform you that we are in the middle of exciting changes to our curriculum. One of the ways in which we are adapting and refining our curriculum is having whole school 'topics' that unite us **ALL** as learners. You may remember that we had our first one where we all followed the theme of 'journeys' in September and this letter is to inform you of our next one which is the first week after the half term break.

As we approach Remembrance Sunday, we will be exploring different aspects of life during the first and second world wars. This will involve the whole school and the teachers have been carefully planning super activities that are topic and age appropriate for each year group. This is what each year group will be doing:

EYFS	Kind Hands – friendship
Reception	Peace and Poppies
Year 1	Dig for Victory/The Land Army
Year 2	Evacuation
Year 3	Rationing/Make do and Mend
Year 4	Women during the war
Year 5	Propaganda
Year 6	War through literature (war in words)

On the Friday of that week, we would like to invite the children (and the staff) to come to school dressed in non-uniform and it could be a brilliant opportunity to get dressed up. So, here are some suggestions:

Evacuee children and the **awful clothes** they had to wear, any kind of war outfit, army, navy, air force, don't forget all of the medical people such as doctors and nurses that had to go to the front line, factory workers (overalls) and boiler jackets, scientists who worked on war projects, ladies from the women's land army, the home guard, or simply gentlemen and women dressed smartly in 1940s style clothes (smart suits or dresses) important people such as Winston Churchill, Neville Chamberlain, King George VI or even the young princesses, Elizabeth and Margaret.

Please **DO NOT** feel that you need to buy anything special for this. The children may of course simply want to come in non-uniform and this is fine and there is no charge or donation needed for this.

On the Friday afternoon, we are all going to come together to attend a special assembly where we will be pleased to announce the end of the war. After singing war time songs and sharing all that we have learned during the week, we will have 'street' parties back in our classrooms. Your child's class teacher will be in touch to let you know what the children can bring in. We're all looking forward to spam sandwiches with dripping and carrot cake following by a warming mug of Bovril.

We are looking forward to finding out more, as a school about this important aspect of British history. We do hope that the children return on 5th November, ready to share what they know and find out more.

Don't forget that we will have poppies [and other items] on sale as usual from the Tuesday morning, raising money for The Royal British Legion.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Mr Jon Skupham

Curriculum Leader

Things that the children need that you may be able to help with:

Year 2 need ANY shoe boxes

Year 6 need ANY and LOTS of red plastic bottle lids

