



CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and carers,

War Weeks

Back again for its **second year** is our very successful War Weeks. This year, we are extending to two weeks as this was requested by children, staff and parents through your curriculum surveys. I am sure that many families feel like they have already been through a battle throughout most of 2020. This whole school unit allows us to reflect on the sacrifices that were made on our behalf in the past.

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 we 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	Chesterton at war!
Year 4	Women during the war
Year 5	Refuges of war and kindertransport
Year 6	War through literature (war in words) and propaganda

On the **Friday of the FIRST 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. This was over-whelmingly voted for by our brilliant school council. 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.

Last year, you may remember that the children all came together in the hall to share everything that they had been learning about. Clearly, in the current circumstances, we can't all meet up, however we will get our thinking caps on for a way to share our learning across the school.

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 3rd November, ready to share what they already 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

