



# Driffield Junior School



Dear Parents/Carers

## Year 3 Driffield in the 1940s

As you will know, year 3 has recently started their latest history topic entitled 'Driffield in the 1940s'. On **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**, we will be having a creative day to immerse ourselves into this historical theme.

The day will include a range of fun activities including wartime games, make-do and mend, code-breaking and singing wartime songs. We will also be finding out what it would have been like to be evacuated.

To add to the experience, we would like the children to dress up as an evacuee. We have included a guide as to what children would have worn in the 1940s and some suggestions as to how to adapt clothes you may already have at home. The same costume can be worn for the trip to Murton Park in March.

In addition to the above activities, we would also like to invite any 'guest speakers' into school who would be willing to talk about their experiences of life during World War Two. Please contact your child's class teacher to arrange this if either yourself or a family member have any knowledge of life during this historical time period.

As previously mentioned, we have booked a day visit to Murton Park, where we will be spending the day experiencing life on the Home Front in the 1940s.

The trip will be a 'hands on activity day' led by members of the living history team at Murton Park. The children arrive as evacuees and are greeted by the evacuation coordinator from the local branch of the WVS. During the day the children will carry out a range of activities including baking on a ration and 'make-do-and-mend' tasks. They will find out how much work was involved on wash day and may help the local farmer by cleaning tack. They will also learn from the local ARP warden the dos and don'ts of air raid precautions, a gas mask drill and how to deal with a fire bomb in a range of practical activities. Identity cards, ration books and evacuation labels will be provided for the children before we leave school and gas masks and boxes will be issued on arrival.

The trips will take place over 5 days:

<b>3S</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>3Ha</b>	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>3DM</b>	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>3H</b>	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>3B</b>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March

## Travel

Children should be in school by 8.45am on your child's class trip day, so that the bus can leave at 9.00am. The day's activities will not end until 3.00pm so **children will not be back at school until 4.00pm**. The children will be brought to the main school entrance at 4.00pm for collection.

## Clothing

To add to the experience of the day, we would like children to come dressed as a 1940s child. They can wear the same outfit as they wore on our in-school World War Two day.

## Volunteers

Although all of the activities are led by the centre staff we would like to ask for up to two adult volunteers per class to help with groups. This will ensure that we have the correct pupil adult ratio in order to ensure safety. If you are able to help (and to dress in 1940s style!) please indicate on the form below. Your child's class teacher will contact you by 23<sup>rd</sup> February to discuss details.

## Lunch

Children will need to bring a pack up for the day. To fit in with the role play experience, the centre recommends a simple Home Front lunch of: *a round of white or brown bread sandwiches filled with either corned beef, Spam, jam, cheese or egg; cold meat; pasty; cheese; biscuits (but no chocolate), fruit and a drink (no glass bottles please)*, although we understand if you would like to put something else in your child's lunch bag. Please put food items in a named disposable bag, as we do not wish to carry lunch boxes around with us; this is at the request of the centre. If you have any concerns over the food, please see your child's teacher.

If your child is currently receiving free school meals they are entitled to a free packed lunch for trips. If you would like a packed lunch providing for your child, please indicate this on the form.

### Payment

We are requesting voluntary contributions of **£16.00** to cover the costs of this trip. The full cost of this day per child is over £23.00 (including the coach travel), but because we believe it will be such an excellent opportunity for the children, we are subsidising the visits. There will be no other expenses, as children will not need spending money.

As a school we have already subsidised this trip quite heavily and so it is likely that we will be unable to go if we do not receive enough funds. In order to ascertain whether the trip is financially viable we are asking that consent forms and payment be sent in to school by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Payment can be made by cash or cheque or via SIMS Agora. If your child is currently receiving free school meals, or has in the past, the cost of this trip can be paid for from our Pupil Premium Fund so please indicate this on the form.

Thank you for your support.

Mr J. Horsley  
Year 3 Co-ordinator



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Y3 Murton Park visit  
5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March

**Child's Name**..... **Class**.....  
has permission to attend the above visit.

- I enclose £16.00 cash or cheque / payment has been made online / pupil premium funding (please delete as applicable)
- My child is currently receiving free school meals and would like a packed lunch providing ☐
- I am able to help on the visit if required ☐

Any known medical conditions.....

Signed.....(parent/carer) Date.....

# WORLD WAR 2 COSTUMES

## GIRLS

A simple cotton dress, skirt or pinafore and cardigan

Blouse buttoned up to the top

Tights or socks

Shoes or ankle boots

Cap or beret

Plaits or side parting

## BOYS

School shorts or trousers

Shirt and a tank top or blazer

Long socks

Shoes or ankle boots

School cap



Clothes that are too small are good – it is ‘make do & mend’!

These are only suggestions, have a look on the internet for more ideas!

School will provide ID labels and we will be making ‘gas masks’.