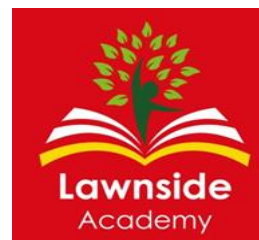


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Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you so much for the very positive feedback we received during Open Evenings about how much the children are enjoying our World War 2 topic. We are planning to round off the topic in style with a visit to the Stibbington Centre in Cambridge on **Tuesday 2nd April** where the children will be evacuees for the day!

We will aim to leave school at 9.10 and travel to the Nene Valley Railway Station where we will pretend to have arrived as evacuees. We will then walk to the Stibbington Centre finding out about arriving in the countryside during wartime. During the day at the centre we will take part in different activities that will give the children a real feel for what it was like to be an evacuee. We will then return to school in time for the end of the normal school day.

The cost of the trip is £13 and has been kept as low as possible thanks to the generosity of PALs who have covered the entire costs of the coach. Please bear in mind that should we not receive sufficient contributions the trip will not be able to go ahead. Children will need to be dressed as evacuees – there are some ideas overleaf but please don't hesitate to ask. They will also need a packed lunch (peanut and fizzy drink free please) in a disposable bag. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals or you pay for meals and would like that provided, please indicate below. The Stibbington Centre does have a souvenir shop for which they advise children may bring £1. Please put that in a named envelope and hand to the class teacher on the morning of the visit.

We are really looking forward to this event as a way of celebrating what has been a wonderful learning experience throughout the Spring Term.

Many thanks for your continued support

Year 3 Team

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I give permission for my child.....from.....Class

to take part in the trip to The Stibbington Centre on Tuesday 2nd April.

I enclose £13 cash (or cheque made payable to Lawnside Academy) as a voluntary contribution to cover the costs of the trip.

Please tick as appropriate:

My child is eligible for Free School Meals and I would like one provided

I pay for school meals and would like one booked for the trip

I will provide a packed lunch for the trip

Signed.....Date.....

STIBBINGTON CENTRE EVACUATION DAY

Ideas for costumes

Information for evacuees:

Children who are being evacuated to Stibbington Centre for a day should try to dress like children did in the 1940s. These drawings show what children looked like, and the notes below give some suggestions about what you might wear.



Clothes:

Everyone should wear: Shoes, boots or wellies (not trainers)

Woollen jumper or cardigan (not sweatshirt)

Shirt or blouse (not t-shirt)

Boys could wear a cap or woollen hat and they should have knee-length shorts or trousers tucked into knee length socks.

Girls could wear a beret, headscarf or woollen hat and a knee-length dress or skirt.

On **cold or wet days** everyone should have a **warm or waterproof coat**. This is important because the programme for the day includes a walk through the “wartime countryside”. A modern coat will be fine if you don’t have an “old style” one. For very cold days scarf, gloves and thick socks are useful too.

Other things to bring:

At school you will be making a **gas mask box** and a **luggage label** to bring with you.

From home you should choose **either**

A small “old style” doll or cuddly toy such as a teddy bear

or

Make yourself a parcel which you can pretend contains your favourite toys that you have chosen to take with you when you are evacuated. The parcel should be quite small, eg shoe box or ice cream container size, and it should be wrapped in brown paper and tied with string.

These are the only things you will be allowed to take with you when you are evacuated!