

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

**Year 6 Children's Evacuation Day (Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November) and Make-do-and-Mend learning event (Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November)**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our exciting topic linked to World War II, Year 6 will be hosting an **Evacuation morning on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November (9.00am-10:20pm)** and would love you to join us.

As part of this day, we will be looking into the impact of evacuation during WWII and will be empathising with parents and children who were affected. To make this day a meaningful and powerful experience for the children, we would like the children to come in dressed as WWII children ready to go through the experience themselves. Ideas for dress are 1930-1940s which would include corduroys, shorts, cardigans, shirts and ties, knee length skirts and flat caps if possible.

As part of the day, the children will experience what it would have been like to leave their parents at the train station, arriving at a new location and also undertaking jobs which many evacuee children would have been expected to do in their temporary new home. Following on from this, the children will then produce a letter, written from the perspective of an evacuee, to their parents which demonstrates the thoughts and feelings of a child at this time in history.

If you would like to join us for the morning and help immerse the children in this historical setting, please complete the appropriate section at the end of this letter. On the day, you will need to enter the school via the main office at 9.00am.

We would also like to use this opportunity to invite you to join us in school for the year 6 **'Make-do-and-mend' day on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**. This wartime slogan encouraged people not to waste anything. With clothes rationed, it was a good idea to reuse old clothes or make new ones yourself. Sewing classes and leaflets showed people how to make coats from blankets, or baby clothes from old pillowcases. A tip for making shoes last longer was to paint the soles with varnish. If a chair broke, you mended it, if your sock had a hole, you got a needle and wool to repair it. For this day, we are hoping to run activities such as cooking (using rationed ingredients), sewing and DT. If you are able to join your child for the morning, afternoon or the whole day, **or** have skills you think would be useful in any of the activities mentioned, please return the attached form. Again, you will need to enter the school via the main office, at 9am for the morning or 1.15pm for the afternoon.

Many thanks for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the year 6 collaborative learning events.

Yours sincerely,

Mr French

Mrs Harrison

Miss Barrett

Y6 Team Leader

**Year 6 Evacuation morning**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

I am able to help on the Evacuation morning.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ in  
class: \_\_\_\_\_

I have a CRB check with Hook Junior School: yes/no (please delete)

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**Year 6 'Make-do-and-mend day'**  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

**Please indicate where appropriate.**

I am able to help for the morning on the 'Make-do-and-mend' day.

I am able to help for the afternoon on the 'Make-do-and-mend' day

I am able to help for the whole day.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ child's name \_\_\_\_\_  
in class \_\_\_\_\_.

Any particular interest or skills for the proposed activities:

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I have a CRB check with Hook Junior School: yes/no (please delete)

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_