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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

## World War II Workshop

Our topic for this half-term is World War II. This is an in-depth study of the time period finding out a whole host of exciting facts about this fascinating period of our history. To learn more about our topic, we have asked '*Portals to the Past*' to provide us with an interactive and educational World War II workshop. Pupils will participate in a range of educational activities, and have the chance to explore genuine WWII artefacts and try on real period clothing. They will discover the true meaning of community spirit and gain a memorable insight into what life was like for people in Britain during World War II, particularly children.

Additionally, to allow the children to enter into the spirit of World War II, we would like to ask all children to dress up in a World War II style outfit for the day. We do not expect any expense to be made on costumes. Attached to this letter are ideas for costumes. **We do ask that under no circumstances any guns are bought or made and brought into school as part of an outfit. We thank you for your understanding in this issue.**

The workshop will take place in school on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. The PTFA have kindly covered 40% of this cost therefore, we would like to ask you for a non-refundable voluntary contribution of **£4.15** per child to cover the remainder of the cost of the workshop. This is payable on School Gateway. Permission to attend this workshop can also be given on School Gateway so there is no need to complete a separate permission slip. **Please could payments be made by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

If you are in receipt of Benefit Related Free School Meals, then the school will meet the full cost of this workshop. Please contact the office via email or message on School Gateway confirming that your child is eligible and give consent for your child to participate in this workshop.

If you require financial support, then please contact the school for a Financial Support Request form.

If you have any queries about this day, please do come and see us.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Fox and Mrs Cordell  
Kite & Eagle Class



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## BOYS CLOTHING

Cap, Flat cap, Balaclava and woollen scarf.  
White, Grey or Checked Pattern Shirt.  
Short Trousers (boys didn't wear long trousers until they were teenagers!.)  
Jacket or Blazer  
Cardigan or waistcoat (Wool) or a sleeveless jumper.  
Grey Socks  
Plimsolls or lace up leather shoes.

## GIRLS CLOTHING

Woollen coat, jacket or blazer  
Straw, felt or knitted hat and scarf  
Cotton or woollen dress  
(Girls did not wear trousers)  
Woolen skirt and Cotton blouse.  
Woolen cardigan or sleeveless jumper  
Long or short sleeved jumper.  
Ankle socks, grey or white  
Plimsolls, leather lace up shoes or sandals



## MAKE A GAS MASK BOX

The children will need small square/oblong cardboard box. Shoe shops are normally quite happy to let people have old shoe boxes. (Small children's shoe boxes are ideal). Make a hole either end of the short sides of the box. Cut a length of good quality string, long enough for your gasmask box to go over your shoulders, so the box can hang at your side. Thread the string through the holes in either end of your box and secure with good knots and sticky tape. Stick your respirator instructions inside the lid. Put the lid on the box and put over your shoulders. The children may bring one favourite "old fashioned" toy each.... A teddy, dolly or small toy car.

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This label would be stuck on top of your gas mask box.

Photocopy one label per child. Stick on their gas mask box. Gas mask boxes can be made from shoe boxes, painted brown. String will be required to thread through the box to make a strap for wearing the box.

**PACKING OF RESPIRATOR**

The Respirator should be placed in box with heavy end (container) standing on bottom of box. The Transparent Eyepiece should lie evenly on the top of container and at full length without any deformation.

When Respirator is required for use.

1. Hold Respirator by the straps.
2. Put on by first putting chin into the Facepiece and then draw the straps over the head. Adjust straps to obtain close but comfortable fit.
3. Take off by pulling the straps over the head from the back.

DO NOT TAKE RESPIRATOR OFF BY PULLING THE CONTAINER UPWARDS OVER THE FACE

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## Make an Identity Card

During World War II everyone carried an identity card at all times. You were fined if you did not have it when asked by a policeman or the Home Guard. Cards came in different colours for a variety of people.

<p style="font-size: small;">SIGNATURE OF PARENT, GUARDIAN OR OTHER PERSON HAVING CHARGE OR CONTROL:-</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">NATIONAL REGISTRATION</p>  <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.5em; margin: 10px 0;">IDENTITY CARD</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS</p> </div>
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Outside

FOR OFFICIAL ENTRY ONLY (apart for Holders Signature) ANY OTHER ENTRY OR ALTERATION, MARKING OR ERASURE IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OR IMPRISONMENT OR BOTH.

NUMBER	SURNAME								
NAME (first only in full)	CLASS CODE	FULL POSTAL ADDRESS	HOLDERS SIGNATURE			<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>			
CHANGE OF ADDRESS: No entry except by National Registration Officer, to whom removal must be notified.									
		REMOVED TO (Full Postal Address)		REMOVED TO (Full Postal Address)		REMOVED TO (Full Postal Address)		REMOVED TO (Full Postal Address)	

Inside

Either print on light brown paper or colour light brown.  
Fill in details with name, address and 'registration number'.  
Cut out and stick with glue back to back.  
Fold, with 'Identity Card' on the outside.