

6<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents

As part of our topic on the Second World War, we have arranged to take the children on a visit to the Watercress Line ([www.watercressline.co.uk](http://www.watercressline.co.uk)) in order to experience what it was like for a child to be evacuated in September 1939.

This week the children were given the name and some background information about the evacuee whose role they will play on the day of their visit. The children will need to come dressed in the style of an evacuee in order to become fully immersed in the experience (a suggested clothing list is attached).

Class 6S and half of class 6H (children with the surnames Anderson to Griffiths) will visit on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September whilst class 6J and the other half of class 6H (surnames Hardie to Thornett) will visit on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September. In order to ensure a prompt departure, the children will need to arrive in school by 8.30 am. On the day of their visit, the children will also need to bring a packed lunch (no fizzy drinks, cans or glass bottles) and a waterproof coat. The coach will return to school by approximately 3.30 pm.

During the day, the children will board a steam train at Alresford and travel to Alton. The children will then take the return train to Ropley where they will take part in two workshops: 'make do and mend' and questioning one of the station volunteers about his experiences as an evacuee. The children will then continue their journey back to Alresford.

In order to make the visit possible, we are asking for a contribution of £15.90 per child (cheques made payable to H.C.C.) to cover the cost of the train journey, education sessions and coach. Contributions may also be made using our on-line payment system. Please complete the consent slip below and return it to your child's class teacher by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely

Mr Wade (6H)

Mrs McEvoy & Mrs Bywaters (6J)

Mrs Cross (6S)

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**Please return to your child's class teacher by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September.**

Name..... Class .....

I give permission for my child to visit the Watercress Line on either Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

**Please tick**

I enclose my contribution of £15.90 to cover the cost of the visit.

I have paid my contribution using the on-line payment system.

My emergency contact number on the day will be .....

Any updated medical information .....

Signed ..... (parent / guardian) Date .....

Suggested clothing to wear in their role as an evacuee:

Boys:

- a cap or woollen hat
- knee-length shorts or trousers
- shoes or boots (not trainers)
- woollen jumper or tank top (not a sweatshirt)
- shirt

Girls:

- a beret or woollen hat
- knee-length dress or skirt
- shoes or boots (not trainers)
- woollen jumper or cardigan (not a sweatshirt)
- blouse



This week the children made the luggage label, and identity card for their character. Over the summer, the children may also like to make their own gas mask box.

On the day of their visit, they may also bring either a small suitcase or pillowcase to carry their lunch. If they would like to, they could also bring a small 'old style' doll or cuddly toy.