

Year 5/6 trip to Stibbington – Evacuation Experience



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As an important part of our topic next term, "*Life on the Home Front*", we have arranged for Year 5/6 to experience life as World War II evacuee at Stibbington Centre on the following dates.

Avocet class - Wednesday 13th November 2019

Curlew and Heron classes -Thursday 14th November 2019

The aim of the day is to allow the children to learn about family life and school for children who were evacuated from the cities during WWII through a thoroughly immersive experience. They will use role play to empathise with the evacuees, interpreting historical evidence from a variety of original sources.

Prior to the trip, the children will be given the name of a child who was evacuated to Stibbington during WWII. We will arrive at Nene Valley Railway and then take the train for the final part of the journey to Stibbington, just as the evacuees would have done.

During the morning, the children will work together to research their child's history, and experience what life may have been like for them.

We will be travelling by coach and the cost of the trip will be

£26

**This includes a typical war-time lunch
and travel by train!**

**Please pay for the trip and give consent on Agora by
Friday 8th November 2019**

To really enjoy the whole WWII evacuee experience during this trip, we are also asking that the children dress up in the style of a child during WWII.

Girls – a dark dress, dark tights, dark school shoes and a hat

Boys - Dark trousers, white polo shirt/shirt, a knitted jumper and a hat.

We will be making gas mask boxes and identity tags in school, so please do not worry about this.

Many charity shops often stock clothes which would be suitable, but please do not feel that you need to buy anything for your child. A dress for a girl, and dark trousers and a shirt for a boy, would be more than suitable. We have attached some images to help.

We do hope your child is excited about this trip. We believe it will be an excellent start to our topic, and the first-hand experience will really help the children to gain an in-depth understanding of what life was like as an evacuee during WWII.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs Harwood, Miss Harvey and Mrs Harter
Year 5/6 class teachers

