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Dear KS2 Parents or Carers

World War II Day – Tuesday 13th October

We will be hosting a World War II Day at school on Tuesday 13th October. The children will be role playing as World War II generals, soldiers and evacuees throughout the day and so are encouraged to come to school dressed up in any of those costumes for the day.

To keep costs to a minimum, please do not feel the need to purchase a costume. Simple outfits created from clothes already at home are perfect. The focus is on learning about life during World War II rather than buying a special outfit. We have included some possible suggestions on the second page of this letter.

During the day they will be: considering what life would have been like for children from the city to be evacuated from the countryside; looking in-depth at the planning and preparation needed to open the Western Front on D-Day and undergoing army recruit training whilst pretending to be Allied soldiers in training.

We will also be visited by writer and historian Julie Summers who will be talking to us about the remarkable women of D-Day she has been researching for her upcoming book 'The Unsung Heroines of D-Day: Invincible Women' as well as the research she has done for her book 'When the Children Came Home: Stories of Wartime Evacuees'.

We look forward to seeing your children for what is going to be a remarkable day.

Regards,
Mr Hopkins-O'Neill, Mrs Goodwin and Mr Vickers

Evacuee

Girls

- Plain cardigan
- Simple dress or skirt and jumper
- Knee socks or tights
- Black or brown school shoes
- Hair in plaits or tied with ribbons
- Small suitcase, satchel, or labelled bag

Boys

- Shorts or grey/brown trousers
- Shirt and jumper
- Long socks
- School shoes
- Flat cap

Soldier

- Green, brown, or khaki trousers/joggers
- Plain green, brown, or camouflage top
- Belt around the waist
- Walking boots or dark shoes

General

- School trousers
- White shirt
- Dark blazer, jacket, or school cardigan
- Tie
- Homemade medals pinned to the jacket

Note: no toy weapons to be brought in