Wednesday 25th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our history topic for this half term is World War II and the children are currently learning all about the causes, events and consequences of the war. In order to vividly bring World War II to life, I have organised an exciting workshop led by ‘Portals to the Past.’ This will be a brilliant opportunity for the children to learn more about this period of history with a more hands on approach. This will take place on **Monday 6th February** during the school day.

The children will participate in a range of educational activities, have the chance to explore genuine WWII artifacts 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.

The following activities will be covered throughout the day:

* World War II quiz
* Home guard drill
* Discussion with genuine World War II artefacts
* Talk about civilian occupations
* Air Raid Precaution training
* What was in an evacuee’s suitcase?
* How fun could still be had in the war, with dancing and a sing-along
* Clothing rationing and utility clothing
* An all-clear siren

To help cover the costs for this brilliant opportunity, we are kindly asking for **a voluntary contribution of £11 to be paid via parent pay.** If you have any concerns regarding this payment, please come and see me.

The children will be strongly encouraged to dress up for the day to really get into character and will be asked as part of their homework in the following couple of weeks to create their own gas mask box, their own evacuee label and their own identify card. Please be creative with resources you have at home to help with outfits, the children may choose to dress up in.

If you have any questions about the day, please feel free to contact me. It should be an exciting and educational day for all!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Curtis