

23rd October 2009

Dear Parents

As part of our "Swanmore Past and Present" topic work we are planning a mock Evacuation Day on Monday, 9th November.

Our Evacuation Day will be the culmination of several weeks' work about the Second World War and we hope it will help to bring this period of history alive.

We would like to make this experience as authentic as possible and so we would like as many children as possible in costume. Below are suggested ideas for clothes:-

Girls

Beret / Straw Hat
Coat /duffle coat
Shoes (t-bar) or plimsolls
Summer dress
Jumper/cardigan/skirt
White ankle socks
Hair - side parting and grips or a bow

Boys

Cap
Blazer / duffle coat
Black shoes / plimsolls
Grey knee-length shorts
Braces
Tank Top
Hair - Brylcream - side parting

Below are suggested ideas for props:-

Authentic looking rucksack or suitcase
Gas mask box (cardboard box painted brown, on string)
One toy - preferably a teddy bear, doll or wooden toy.

For lunch on Evacuation Day we would like the children to experience a "war time" lunch if possible. We would be grateful if the children could pack their food in a named paper bag or waxed paper instead of a plastic container. Ideas for a packed lunch include:-

Sandwiches - egg, cheese, jam, spam!
Packets of raisins
Apple or orange
Cheese
Barley Sugar

(Please do not include any nuts or nut products)

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Here is the timetable for the day:-

9.00 - 9.30am	Register and classroom preparations
9.30 - 10.00am	Goodbyes from front of school Walk to the Village Hall.
10.30 - 2.30pm	Activities at Village Hall including Write postcards (<i>please could you supply a 2nd class stamp so that the children can post their cards home</i>) Walk back to school.

We would like lots of people to wave us off, so do come and bring your family and friends. On this occasion we are happy for you to take photographs of the children as they walk to the Village Hall.

We hope the children will have a memorable day. Thank you for your effort and support.

Yours sincerely

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