



Wednesday 24th November 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

To enhance our current topic on Wartime Britain we would like to have an WWII Evacuee day. This will be on Thursday 9th December and we would like all children to come to school dressed as an evacuee. We have included some pictures below to help with ideas for dressing up. If you would like any help in sourcing items or costumes, please get in touch with the school office. The children will also experience a range of activities during the day such as:

- Drama / role-play as an evacuee
- Postcards from afar
- Cookery – WWII recipes
- Playground/street games – 1940's
- Art and design technology work
- WWII music

To make the day more authentic it would be great if the children could come with a suitcase with as many of the items on the list on the reverse of this letter issued by the Government at the time. Feel free to make an identity tag like the one on the reverse of this sheet but we will also get a chance to make them in school. The evacuees can then be sent to school where they will begin their evacuation-based day. The good news is you are most welcome to come and collect your evacuee(s) later but come into classes at an earlier time of 2.45pm to sample some wartime recipes and look at the children's topic work.

Thanks for your support during the term.

Mr Peck

Mr Stanlake



Most evacuees were only allowed to take one suitcase with them when they left their homes, as space on the trains was so limited. The government issued a list, with recommendations of what each child should pack in their suitcase:

BOYS

2 vests
2 pairs of pants
Pair of trousers
2 pairs of socks
6 handkerchiefs
Pullover or jersey
Gas Mask
Identity Card

GIRLS

Vest
Pair of knickers
Petticoat
2 pairs of stockings
6 handkerchiefs
Slip
Blouse
Cardigan
Gas Mask
Identity Card

ALL CHILDREN

Overcoat or mackintosh
Comb
1 pair of Wellington boots
Towel
Soap
Facecloth
Toothbrush
Boots or shoes
Plimsolls
Sandwiches
Packet of nuts and raisins
Dry biscuits
Apple



DESTINATION

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COUNTY

DATE

GOVERNMENT EVACUATION SCHEME

CITY

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NAME

ADDRESS

DATE OF BIRTH

SCHOOL ATTENDED

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