



Birches First School

Believe, Grow, Succeed



24th October 2020

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday 4th November, Year 4 will be holding our Autumn term 'Sparkle Day' as part of our topic 'Woeful World War Two'.

During the day we will enjoy a range of activities planned around events and experiences of the war, with a particular focus on Remembrance Day, those on the Home Front and evacuees.

Children are invited to come to school dressed as evacuees or in 'Home Front' attire on this day.

In addition to this, we have provisionally booked a visit to Cosford RAF Museum on Wednesday 2nd December. Here, the children will take part in an hour long, 'Wartime Christmas' themed workshop in the Second World War hut followed by a tour of the museum led by school staff. Cosford have been certified as 'Covid-secure' and will be sending us any relevant information regarding safety procedures in due course. Before we confirm the booking however, we would welcome parent feedback regarding the trip going ahead and preferences for travel.

In the past, the children have enjoyed catching the train from Billbrook station to Cosford, a trip that takes approximately 10-15mins. If parents are happy for their child to travel by train (face coverings for children will be optional but will remain the responsibility of children at all times), staff will accompany them (wearing facemasks in line with guidance) from school to the station and then to Cosford and again on the return journey. The cost of travel would be approximately £2.50-£3.00. Alternatively, if parents prefer, they could make arrangements for their child to be transported to Cosford and dropped off for

approximately 9.45am and collected again at approximately 1.00pm (exact times to be confirmed). Of course, even if the trip booking is confirmed we will continually monitor the situation in line with guidance and should the trip no longer be viable due to restrictions, we will look at alternative options.

Should the trip go ahead, we are hopeful that the children will be able to wear their Sparkle Day costumes for a second time.

We would appreciate parents taking the time to complete the following short survey, indicating your preferences for the proposed trip. Consent and any payment (if necessary) would be made on ParentPay once arrangements are confirmed. <https://forms.gle/mKrXrQcB58nfXVXv9>

Please complete the form by Tuesday 3rd November 2020 to enable us to confirm or cancel the provisional booking.

We hope the children will really enjoy our Sparkle Day and that you will enjoy hearing all about their learning too!

Kind regards,

Mrs Ferretti and Mrs Cain.