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Dear Parents,

As part of our World War II Creative Curriculum topic, specifically the Blitz, we have arranged for Year 5 to visit 'RAF Cosford.' The whole year group will be attending the museum on Wednesday 18th March.

Throughout the day children will be able to explore the hangars and exhibitions. As well as this, the children will have the opportunity to take part in a WWII Spirit of the Blitz workshop. This workshop focuses on an aspect of British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge - the Blitz and life on the Home Front. Learners gain an understanding of life for children during the Second World War by discovering the role of the ARP warden, experiencing a mock air raid, and much more. Pupils will use a range of sources and museum artefacts, including original RAF uniform, to develop their depth of knowledge and inspire curiosity.

In order to arrive at the museum to begin our visit at 10.00am, we will need to **leave school at 9:15am promptly on the morning of the visit.** We intend to leave the museum at 2:30pm and **arrive back at school at approximately 3:15pm.** Therefore please drop your child off at school for normal time, 8:50am, and collect as normal at 3:15pm. We will send a text to parents with an estimated arrival time back at school on the day of the visit.

All children will be required to wear school uniform and to take a packed lunch on the visit. This should be taken in a clearly labelled bag so that children can dispose of their rubbish and not have to carry bags around with them for the duration of their visit. We will collect in the carrier bags and recycle them. As we are walking between sites, children should also wear sensible footwear and a waterproof jacket in case of rain.

As our day will be so action packed, we cannot guarantee that there will be time for a gift shop or spend money at the different attractions. However, if you wish to send your children with some money, we suggest a maximum of £5 and this money will be the responsibility of your child.

We hope you will agree that this is a fantastic, hands-on visit that will engage the children within our topic. We believe that the visit itself is fantastic value for money. The breakdown of this visit is as follows:

The cost for the day x3 school workshops activity costs £180.00 ÷ 97 children= £1.85 per pupil Coach travel costs (£250.00 x 2) ÷ 97 children = £5.15 per pupil. The total cost of the visit will be £7.00 per pupil.

All consent and payments can be done via SIMS PAY cashless system.

Legislation makes it clear that parental contributions to the expense of such visits must be genuinely voluntary and that no child can be treated differently whether or not the parents have made a contribution. Whilst no child will be excluded from these visits, unless we receive full contributions, the performance and visit will have to be cancelled; any monies previously paid would of course be refunded. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, please contact the school office, as you may be eligible for a reduction in the cost of this school trip.

In order to confirm this booking we need all consent and payments on the SIMS PAY by Monday 24th February.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Beasley/ Mrs Wilson/ Mrs Hudson/ Miss Davies

Year 5 Year Teachers

