

Tuesday 21st November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 Day Trips 6S Wednesday 3rd January 2024 6W Thursday 4th January 2024 6P Friday 5th January 2024

We would like to take this opportunity to launch our World War 2 Topic in style by inviting all the children to take part in an activity day at **Fort Nelson.** The children will be learning about life in WW2 in Portsmouth and the many different roles our home town played.

"The WW2, Protect the Port day consists of three 45-minute facilitated workshops led by leaders who are in character as members of various home front volunteer forces. Each workshop will focus on a different organisation; Home Guard, ATS and ARP. In each session they will experience the different jobs and training required to be part of these forces and at the end of the day will decide which force they would like to join. These sessions take place all over the fort, making reference to its use in WW2."

We will be travelling to Fort Nelson on the school minibus and accompanied by school staff.

Lunch will need to be **disposable**, and in a **named carrier bag**, which will be stored in the Centre's dedicated Star Room. If you would like to order a picnic bag for the visit then please contact the school office. **These must be ordered by 9am on Tuesday 12th December at the latest**. The children also need to be aware that they will be carrying all other belongings at all times. Large rucksacks are not advised. Please make sure also, that due to the time of year, your child should wear a warm coat, hat and gloves and ideally an additional waterproof too.

In order to reserve a place for your child on this trip we are asking for a contribution of £6.00, this can be made online using the School Gateway app, if you do not yet have access to this please go to the school website and download via the School Life, School Meals tab. We have tried to keep the cost as low as possible, choosing to travel to the event on the school minibus. If we do not receive sufficient funds, the trip will have to be cancelled.

By visiting Fort Nelson, we know this will bring our World War 2 topic to life for our children and enable them to fully immerse themselves in it. This will have a great impact in on their learning back in school and is vital to supporting their understanding.

Kind Regards

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