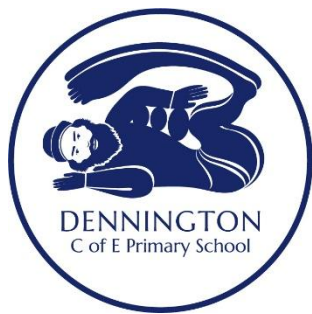




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LETTER TO SWALLOWS

Dear Parents,

On **Tuesday 10th November** we will be holding a “**World War 2 Evacuee Day**” to bring to life the children’s learning about Operation Pied Piper. We would like the children to dress as children from the World War 2 time period (1939-1945). Remember it was a “make do and mend” time so no need to buy anything new for the occasion! See the other attached sheet for some ideas.

It would be great if children brought a wartime lunch to eat. In a time before supermarkets and fast food, there were no crisps or plastic wrapped chocolates or biscuits! Food could be brought wrapped in a cloth (i.e. tea towel) a basket, brown paper bag or in a tin rather than a plastic lunchbox. Food could include: corned beef, Spam or paste sandwich, bread with jam, margarine, honey or marmite, a pastry, apple, pears, plums, scrubbed carrots or tomatoes, pickled onions, fruit cake, plain biscuits, gingerbread men, jam tarts, squashes and cordials. Cheese, meat, chocolate, crisps, bananas and exotic fruits are to be avoided if you want to be authentic!

We plan to go to the church for the children to be allocated to their new evacuation family (not literally!) If possible please could children have packed a very small (old if possible) suitcase / brief case / bag with the things that children would have taken to the countryside with them. Brown paper can come in useful here! This might include a teddy bear, a comb, a book, a handkerchief, even a letter from home. In the church we will listen to the government declaration of war and write a postcard home to parents as an evacuee. If children are able to bring in a stamp then these can be posted at the post-box in Dennington. We then hope to walk to the pill box in the field and explore that.

In the afternoon we plan to do some baking using World War 2 recipes. If anyone has the old-fashioned scales, with ounces weights, that we could borrow for the day that would be great.

Thank you for your support – we look forward to sharing the photographs with you!

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Head of School

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