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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Year 5 Evacuation Day, Tuesday 25th November.

As part of our history topic studying World War 2, all of Year 5 will be spending the day of Tuesday 25th November as a WW2 evacuee! This activity will be happening in school.

Clothing

We would greatly appreciate if the children could dress appropriately for the period. If anyone has extra clothing which could be loaned to the school, such as hats or jackets we would be most grateful. If you do not have anything in the house, wearing a school shirt and tie with skirt/trousers will also fit the bill. Please **DO NOT** buy anything new. The photos below offer some ideas of what your child **could** wear. Suitcases are not needed as storage maybe an issue! Please feel free to let your child bring in a soft toy (maybe nothing that is too precious) as evacuated children were able to take a toy. The cardboard boxes can be included as they would have contained their gasmasks.



Cooking

We plan to make a delicious war time vegetable soup. Please could you send in ONE root vegetable (for example: carrot, onion, potato, swede, parsnip) on Monday 24th November.

TOP SECRET

We would really like the children to receive a short letter from home, for them to open once they have been billeted. It would be great if this were a surprise, as it would increase the authenticity of their experience.

Please send your letter in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it. We are happy for the letters to be sent in at any time before the day.

There is a model letter attached below for ideas.

If you require further information, please contact the Year 5 team via the school email and we will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely,
The Year 5 Team



Headteacher: **Mrs Morwenna Dunstan (MEd Hons)**



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Dear John,

We are all quite well here. It is very quiet during the day as all the children have been evacuated, but I am glad you are safe and not in London. We have had to sleep in the air raid shelter every night since you have been gone because it seems that the sirens go off as soon as it gets dark. The planes fly over and drop their bombs but we are safe in the shelters and Hitler won't beat us.

I hope you had a safe journey. Was it exciting going on a train for the first time?

Have you looked inside your gas mask box yet? If not, you should open it. I have sent you a small cake to enjoy.

If you feel cold, put on your vest! I know you don't like it but it will keep you warm.

I can't wait to get a letter from you and hear all about your adventures.

Make sure you are a good boy in Devon. Pray that this war will end soon and we can be together again.

Lots of love from