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Dear parents/ carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that your child has settled well into life within their Year 6 class. I am writing to inform you of some key information regarding a few upcoming events.

World War 2 Immersion Days

We will be conducting two immersion days at the beginning of our spring history topic on WW2. We are fortunate to have secured a fantastic educational experience with the experienced historical workshop providers, *Portals to the Past*. Your child may have enjoyed one of their engaging workshops during a previous year's topic.

On this day the children will take part in:

- World War II quiz
- Home guard drill
- Discussion with genuine World War II artefacts
- Air Raid Precaution training
- What was in an evacuee's suitcase?
- How fun could still be had in the war, with dancing and a sing-along
- Clothing rationing and utility clothing

These will take place on both **Thursday 9th January** and **Friday 10th January 2025**. Your child's class will be undertaking the workshop on one of those days, with the other day being filled with more WW2-themed activities.

To help make these two-days even more immersive, we would like the children to join the teachers and workshop leaders in dressing up 'in the style of 1939', or as an 'Evacuee'. Children are welcome to wear the same outfit for both days. Ideas of what to wear can be found on the attached PDF.

As part of the homework during the Christmas holiday break, we would like pupils to create a replica gas mask box, that they can wear for both immersion days as a prop. Feel free to use the example template attached. Alongside this, the children may want to bring in an 'old style' teddy/toy, or a small 1940's style suitcase (empty – not a modern one with wheels).

In order for these days to go ahead, we are asking for voluntary contributions of **£6** to cover the cost of the activities. The payment window will be open from **Monday 2nd December 2024** until **Wednesday 8th January 2025**.

The **preferred** method of payment is online by School Money – by paying online you will also be giving your permission for your child to take part in these activities. Payment can also be made by a cheque made payable to Maidenbower Junior School (please ensure your child's name and class are on the back) or cash in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class.



Sky Academy Studios Trip

On **Friday 28th February 2025**, we have secured the opportunity to attend a morning hands-on workshop at Sky Academy, in London. The children will take part in a practical session where they will turn fictional story ideas into productions, such as news shows or film trailers, using professional studio equipment and expert tutors.

Due to the large amount of demand from other schools, we have only been able to book one session, meaning that we have 32 spaces to fill. As there is limited space, we will be drawing names out a hat for those who are interested. If your child would be interested in attending, then please return the slip below by **Thursday 19th December 2024**.

We will be travelling up to London by train from Three Bridges. After the experience finishes, we will eat lunch and then get the train back, finally returning to MJS on foot. More information on these travel arrangements will be shared with those that are attending. The morning workshop is a free experience provided by Sky, however we would ask for voluntary contributions for the train fares.

For more information on this experience, please visit this link
<https://www.skyup.sky/academy-studios>.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Chadburn
Head of Year 6

Sky Academy Studios Trip – Friday 28th February 2025

Pupil's Name: _____

Class: _____

{ } I DO give permission for my child to attend the Sky Studios trip.

{ } I DO NOT give permission for my child to attend the Sky Studios trip.

Signed: _____

Date: _____