



# Upper Beeding Primary School

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## Year 5/6 Wow Day and Trip to Newhaven Fort 2023 World War Two Topic Autumn 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our 'World War 2' topic we have organised some very exciting activities that will allow the children to fully immerse themselves in what it might have been like to live on the 'Home Front'.

Firstly, we will have our **Wow Day** on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September**. During the day children will be visited by **The Education Group**, a leading provider of educational workshops. Soldier Private Samuel Barter will show what everyday life was like for a conscripted soldier. Children will learn about life on the front line, act out daily routines and get to see and feel artefacts from the period. Children will also learn about what it was like to be a nurse on the front line, a land girl who helped feed a nation, and explore the role of women on the home front. It would be fantastic if the children could come to school dressed in a simple **WW2 evacuee style costume** on Monday.

- Girls – a knee-length dress/pinafore, cardigan, knee length socks and shoes
- Boys – a shirt, v-neck jumper/tank top, shorts, boots/shoes.



We have also organised an educational visit to **Newhaven Fort** on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**. Newhaven Fort offers children the opportunity to experience first-hand what it was like for many people in Sussex during the war. They will be able to explore the gun turrets, many exhibition rooms, and also experience what it was like in a shelter during an air-raid. There will also be a handling session of war time artefacts where children will be able to learn about the lives of local individuals through items used during WW2.

The trip will take place during the ordinary school day, but please ensure that your child is at school at the normal time, ready to leave for 9:00am. The children will all need a packed lunch and a drink in a non-breakable container (no cans/glass bottles please). If your child has a hot meal, please ensure that you contact Chartwells direct to cancel this. We would like the children to wear school uniform, appropriate outer clothing, and sturdy shoes.

There is a souvenir shop on site and, if you wish, you may on the day of the trip send a **maximum of £5.00** for your child to spend. This will be your child's responsibility to look after during the trip so please make sure it is in a named purse/wallet.

If your child needs medication for travelling or during the day please contact the office before the trip takes place so the necessary consent forms can be signed. Children should also remember to take with them inhalers for the treatment of asthma if required.





To help towards the cost of these events, we would ask for a voluntary contribution of **£26.00** per child. Visits and visitors really enhance the curriculum for the children and we would love all the children to be able to participate. Sadly, if we don't receive sufficient contributions, we may not be able to go ahead with some or all of the events. If you have any difficulty with making the contribution, please speak to your child's teacher, the school office, or Mr Andrews in confidence.

sQuid has been set up allowing for instalments to be made, rather than having to pay the full amount in one go, as we appreciate there are often a lot of demands on your wallet at the start of a term, even more so if you have more than one child in education.

Your payment will include contributions towards:

Trip - entrance to Newhaven Fort including workshops, coach hire, and travel insurance

Wow Day - workshops with the Education Group

Yours sincerely,

Mr Jones, Mr Moule and Mr Long

