



# Westlands Primary School

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LOH/ELB/Year 6/Dover Castle

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will recall we cancelled a planned trip for Year 6 to go to Ypres. This letter outlines details of the new Year 6 trip. We have planned the trip with clear learning outcomes in mind, and we feel that this will greatly benefit the children's English and Topic learning in particular. As a school we believe this alternative to be of greater educational value than the one previously planned.

There are two parts to this learning experience:

## **Part 1**

**Venue: Westlands Primary School**

**Date:** Wednesday 11th October

**Activity:** A specialist historical actor will visit the school and run workshops based around the Second World War in order to prepare the children for their visit to Dover Castle and the Secret Wartime Tunnels. The children will have opportunities to dress up, hear stories and hold historic wartime equipment.

## **Part 2**

**Venue: Dover Castle**

**Date:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

**Time:** 8:30am departure from school (note that children need to arrive at school promptly). Planned arrival back at school 3pm although this will be dependent on traffic. We will inform you of late return to school via text message.

**Activities:** The main learning focus is around World War II so much of the day will be spent exploring and learning about the Secret Wartime Tunnels, including the underground hospital, and the role they played during the war. There will be a coding and cyphering workshop – linking in with the role that the tunnels played in communications and operations management – in particular the Dunkirk landings.

**Lunch:** Children will be required to bring a packed lunch in a labelled disposable bag. However if your child is entitled to free school meals then a packed lunch will be provided by Pabulum Catering.

**Total Cost:** (including workshops led by historical actor, entry to Dover Castle & Secret Wartime Tunnels, Coding & Cyphering workshops and coach travel to/from the Castle) **£20 per child**. All payments should be made online and you will soon receive a text message with details of how to do this. Please contact the school if you are unable to pay for your child to participate in this trip.

Your child should wear full school uniform, comfortable footwear and bring a coat. Your child will also need a packed lunch, including a drink in a screw topped bottle.

There is a souvenir shop at the Castle. Children will be allowed to go to the shop but should have no more than £5 to spend.

Please complete the slip overleaf giving your child permission to attend the trip to Dover Castle by no later than Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Burr

Mr A Shepherd

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Westlands Primary School is a creative learning environment where all children are supported to achieve their best.

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**Year 6 Trip to Dover Castle, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I consent to my child taking part in this school visit. I also consent to a member of staff authorising emergency treatment, including anaesthetic, if I cannot be contacted in an emergency.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_