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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5 CEMA trip Wednesday 13th November 2024

We are very excited about our forthcoming educational trip to the Centre for Experimental Military Archaeology in Kent Event Centre, Maidstone on Wednesday 13th November.

The visit will link to our history learning experience 'Under Siege - Would you go over the line?' During our day at the Centre for Experimental Military Archaeology, children will have an authentic experience in a replica WW1 trench system that will give them a real understanding of daily trench life for the British Tommy. They will be escorted by experienced guides, some who will be in uniform. Students will undertake an immersive experience of trench life, which includes a look inside a dugout, a walk through the trench itself, a demonstration of kit and equipment (including genuine artefacts) as well as an explanation of rations, how soldiers managed to cook and how they survived trench conditions. It is a great way for students to really experience the damp and claustrophobic conditions of trench life.

We will be leaving school promptly at 9.15am. Children must arrive to school at normal time (8:35am) and come to their classrooms for registration.

We will be returning to school at 4.00pm and meet you in the Key Stage 2 playground. If there are traffic problems on our return and we are later than expected we will notify you.

Your child will need;

- * Waterproof shoes and trousers on for the day along with their school jumper or cardigan, (wellies are highly recommended as it is likely to be muddy),
- * Waterproof fold away jacket and a scarf and gloves (depending on the weather),
- * Rucksack to carry two snacks (for when we arrive and before leaving),
- * Packed lunch and water.

Please note that if your child is entitled to free school meals we will arrange a packed lunch, however, if you DO NOT want Chartwells to provide a packed lunch for them, please let the school office know.

If your child suffers from travel sickness please make your class teacher aware so that we can sit them in the correct place on the coach.

Thanks to our fabulous PTA contributions, we have been able to reduce the cost to £22.20 per child. If you would like your child to take part but are unable to pay, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Spencer in confidence. Please pay for this visit via the School Gateway <https://login.schoolgateway.com> Please ensure that payment is made by **31st October 2024**

Please complete the Google Form to give your child permission to attend- <https://forms.gle/6mZvfx6BYxTmePYv5>

We will need some parent volunteers to accompany us to CEMA. If you can help please indicate on the Google form. If you volunteer to help, we will contact you and confirm we would like you to help.

Kindest Regards

Mr. Garcia and Mrs. Manville