

Skegby Junior Academy

5th February 2018



Dear Parent/Carer,

"The Churnet Valley Railway takes you on a journey back to the classic days of railway travel on a rural line that passes through beautiful countryside known as Staffordshire's "Little Switzerland".

We are taking year five and six on a trip to Churnet Valley Railway as part of our Topic on World War Two.

The trip will take place on Monday 5th March 2018. As this will be a full day visit, your child will require a packed lunch. If your child is entitled to receive Free School Meals then a packed lunch will be provided by the School Kitchen.

We will be leaving school at 8.00am, as we would like to make the most of the day and need to be on the train by 9.30, so please could you get your child to school by 7.45am. Transport will be provided on a private hire coach fitted with seat belts. We are expected back at approximately 4.00pm, but if for any reason we are delayed, we will contact you via our Text Messaging Service.



As the visit will involve an evacuee experience, we would like the children to dress in character as an evacuee during World War Two.

The Academy will be raising money to subsidise every child's entry fee, therefore we are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £15.00, this is towards the cost of the transport and just a £6 entrance fee (usually £9) Although this is a voluntary contribution, the trip will not go ahead if all of the children do not contribute. Please can all payments be paid through squid.

Part of the entrance fee will include the children being given an old penny (worth £1) that they will be able to spend in the gift shop. However, if you wish to give them more money to spend, please put it in a named wallet/purse/bag - maximum £5.

The day will involve:

EXPERIENCE an Evacuee 'Auction' and a 10 mile round train trip hauled by a heritage locomotive.

LISTEN to the story of Dorothy who lived in the station house throughout the war.

USE your ID Cards and Ration Books (supplied by the railway).

LEARN about Rationing and taste wartime recipes.

TRAIN to be a member of The Royal Observer Corps.

DECIDE what to pack in your tiny suitcase and handle artefacts from the period.

EXPERIENCE the 'Blackout' through the tunnel with the Air Raid Siren and the 'All Clear'.

TALK and LISTEN to either wartime veterans or 'real life' evacuees.

Could all payments be made by Monday 26th February 2018.

Please come and talk to us if you have a problem or any questions.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5/6 team.



Reply slip:

I give permission for my child

_____ in class _____ to
take part in the visit to The Churnett Valley Railway on Monday 5th
March 2018.

Does your child require any medication: Yes/No

If yes please give details

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer)