



Birches First School

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...to be the best 'me' I can be.



13th May 2024

Dear Parents

We will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of D-Day at school on Thursday 6th June.

We will be marking the occasion by having a special assembly at 9.15am. Due to numbers in school we are asking that only **one person per family** attends due to our limited space and our Health and Safety constraints. Therefore, if you have more than one child at the school it will still be **one person**. It is not compulsory that you attend, and I know a lot of parents are working, therefore we will take pictures and send what we can via our platforms of communication, so please do not worry if you are unable to join us this time.

For lunch the children will be having a traditional 'Fish and Chips' lunch served in 'old fashioned' trays and newspaper (mock newspaper!) with a treat pudding- it is a celebration day!

To get fully into the spirit, we are asking all children to come to school dressed in 1940s clothing, any service clothing (naval, air, land, nurses etc) or simply red, white, and blue! Any props are warmly welcomed such as gas masks, flags, hats, small suitcases etc. We want to feel transported back to 1944!

We would certainly love to see any war-time artefacts that any relatives may have, we promise to look after them and they will not be held by the children! Similarly, if any relatives/friends would like to come into school and talk about their experiences, we would be thrilled to welcome them into Birches and the children would be delighted to hear their accounts.

If any parents wish to donate any decorations such as flags, bunting, balloons etc we would be extremely grateful for any extras that would make our day even more special!

Further to this, as part of the national anniversary, Codsall Parish Council will be lighting a Beacon at the Wheel Field starting at 7.00pm. All our Birches friends and family community are welcome to attend the event! A Lamp of Peace will also be lit at the War Memorial in Codsall for anyone who wishes to attend.

We are really looking forward to celebrating this momentous occasion at school, the children will be completing fun activities during the day to enhance and aid their learning about this great British historical event and honouring the heroes of D-Day.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Best wishes

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Headteacher