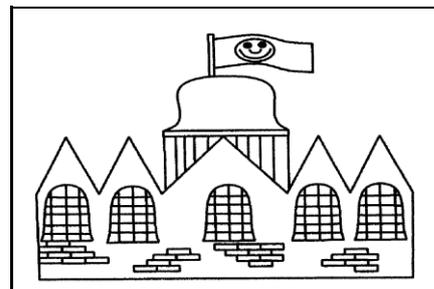


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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, in year 6, this half term, the children have completed their end of Key Stage 2 assessments (SATs). They really enjoyed their breakfast that was made by many of our school staff before the tests started. The contribution from Morrisons via Caitlin and Charlie was greatly appreciated by children and staff - especially the chocolate. The attitude of all the children was fantastic and we could not be prouder of every single one of them. They are a credit to our school and have been since the day they joined us. We understand that it is a legal requirement for the school to administer the SATs, but also know that the children in our school are much more than a scaled score. Each one of them is developing into a caring, well-rounded and confident young person with skills and talents in many areas.

Now that SATs have been completed, we can turn our attention to a more broad and balanced curriculum and hopefully have some fun. Our topic for next half term is World War Two. This will begin with a visit to the National Holocaust Centre and Museum in Laxton on Tuesday 6th June. As described on their website, the children will enjoy a number of educational experiences.

The National Holocaust Centre and Museum promotes an understanding of the roots of discrimination and prejudice, and the development of ethical values, leading to a greater understanding within society. The Centre uses the history of genocide as a model of how society can break down, and emphasises how current and future generations must carefully examine and learn from these tragedies. The Centre promotes respect for human rights, equal opportunities and good citizenship, which has greater resonance than ever in our culturally diverse society.

The National Holocaust Centre provides a range of facilities for people of all backgrounds to explore the history and implications of the Holocaust. The vast majority of visitors will spend time in both the memorial garden and our two permanent exhibitions – The Holocaust Exhibition, suitable for secondary school children and adults and The Journey, a text free and tactile exhibition built with younger children in mind. Both exhibitions house artefacts from the period, and as an actively collecting museum, we are continuously developing and strengthening our collection. But what makes a visit particularly unique is meeting a survivor of the Holocaust and listening to their story. We are privileged to host survivors on a daily basis all of whom share their experiences with visitors and answer questions from young and old alike.

Following the visit, we will look at, and research, many aspects of WWII. These will include designing and building an Anderson shelter; creating WWII propaganda posters and studying some of the countries involved. We will also be looking at rationing and making bread will be part of this. In science we will cover light and electricity.

Throughout the term the children will also have the opportunity to play the chalumeau, which is a musical instrument; develop their PE skills in cricket and athletics; complete orienteering tasks and study a famous artist.

As the children will be leaving us in July, they have lots of events to look forward to. Please be aware of the following dates:

Leaver's assembly	Wednesday 19 th July 2017 at 2:30pm
End of year trip	Thursday 20 th July (This is a provisional date)
End of year party	Friday 21 st July

Other events we are hoping to accommodate are sports day, a KS2 concert and Hillocks Got Talent. Dates to follow.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you all an enjoyable summer.

Year 6 team.