

13th October 2026

Dear all,

Year 6 Portals to the Past – WW1 Workshop – Thursday 5th November 2026

Details:

Our over-arching theme this term is *Behind Enemy Lines*. During the second half of the Autumn Term, we will be learning about the two World Wars. To give this topic real depth and relevance, we have booked *Portals to the Past* to deliver a workshop for the children in Year 6 on Thursday 5th November.

The workshop will take place in school, where we will be delving into World War 1. The children will take part in the *Barrage Board Game*, competing to become the best artillery battery commander. They will explore gas equipment and how soldiers protected themselves from the noxious fumes of the Western Front, examine artefacts and weapons, and learn about the medical processes of the Great War, including how to safely lift a patient and the CPR techniques used at the time. The day will finish with a stretcher-bearer race, a foot-drill and marching session, and finally an attempt at 'scout school' – crossing a barbed-wire entanglement (not real barbed wire, of course).

Cost and payment details:

The cost of the workshop is **£7.00** but you will not need to contribute as this amount will be deducted from the annual primary trip contribution that you made for your child. You would have also consented when you made this payment. If there is a change to any medical information since consent, please do let your child's class teacher know.

Those parents not having paid this annual contribution – If your child would like to take part in this experience, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£7.00** to cover the cost. Payment should be made via the school's ParentPay system, where you can also give consent for your child to participate. If you do not have access to ParentPay, please contact the finance office for an activation letter. Please be aware that the Finance Manager may not respond to requests until September.

If insufficient voluntary contributions are received, it is unlikely that the experience will go ahead. Please contact the school if you would like your child to participate but are experiencing difficulty making the contribution. The finance team can be contacted at finance@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk.

Yours faithfully,

The Primary Team