

BoroughbridgeHigh School

Friday 5th September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am pleased to be able to offer your child the opportunity to attend a special Service, called 'The Festival of Remembrance' for Service children on **Wednesday 6th November at 1pm at Ripon Cathedral.** This annual event involves up to 500 local Service children coming together from many different primary and secondary schools. The theme this year is 'All together now' and the service will also commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

During the service we will be joining the other schools and choirs to sing 'I vow to thee my country' and 'Stand up'. We will hopefully be able to have a couple of practice sessions of these songs in school before the event.

We will leave school by minibus at 1215pm in order to arrive at the cathedral before the VIPs so it is important that they bring a packed lunch to eat in school before we leave. We will return to school by 3.15pm so will be in plenty of time for the buses.

If you would like your child to attend this event, please complete the permission slip below and return it to school by **Friday 13**th **September 2024**. We have been allocated 23 places this year, if more pupils than this want to attend, places will be randomly allocated.

I would like to point out that photographs of the event may be used for publicity or on TV. The Service Children's Champions team will also be featuring photographs and videos of the event on social media.

Prior to the festival there is going to be a workshop at the Green Howards Museum. This trip will take place on **Thursday 26**th **September, timings tbc**. Four students will be given the opportunity to find out more about a soldier who served on D Day and the Battle of Normandy who we will 'adopt'. We will get a photo of the soldier and the students who go to the workshop will come back and talk to the other students about what they have learnt. At the festival the students who went to the workshop will also bring the photo back and present it around the centre of the cathedral to act as a focus point.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any gueries.

Many thanks for your help in this.

Yours faithfully

Mrs V Murphy Service Children Champion vmurphy@boroughbridgehigh.com

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