

13 October 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians

Every Tuesday we hold an assembly for the whole school. This year Remembrance Day falls on a Tuesday and we are thinking of inviting one boy per Tutor Group to stand up and give a brief account of a family member's involvement in any conflict. An illustrative example might be: *"My Grandfather/Great Grandfather was the rear gunner ('tail-end Charlie') of a Lancaster bomber during the Second World War and survived bailing out after being shot down over France in 1944. He then met up with the French Resistance who helped him back to Britain via Spain."*

These stories, which can involve any relative, can be about any conflict from the First World War up to the present day and do not need to describe acts of derring-do, but could include those who made courageous sacrifices in other ways – for example, those in reserved occupations (enlisted coal miners and the like), or members of the Women's Land Army. There may also be others who served in some capacity during the Cold War but whose efforts ensured they were never called upon to fight. The aim is to bring home just how close our connection to these events is.

We would like to hear all your (brief) stories and there will no doubt be many examples, so we will pick one per tutor group on a random basis (names in a hat). No story will go untold as all will feature in a story board which we will compile and which will remain a poignant part of our school's history.

Please let us hear your stories by emailing us a short paragraph (no more than 3 or 4 lines) to remembrance@bws.wilts.sch.uk giving your son's name, Tutor Group, and his relationship to the family member. Please respond by 22 October 2014. Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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