

Dear Mrs Deans

**WWII Day 13 October 2015.**

Thank you for allowing me to attend and witness this year 6 event.

Indelible pencils, ink pots and ink pens were a feature that for some children will last for a few days to come as they scrub and scrub their inky fingers clean. The strict discipline and comments by the 1940 teacher to the children had me cowering in fear despite that I was not the butt of the comments. It was wonderful to see how the children took the acting and comments in good humour. I am sure that they will look back on the morning and think how differently they are treated at White Court, especially those who are left handed. Gas masks and getting under the table at the sound of the alarm brought realism to how it would have been 75 years ago.

The afternoon session was a shopping event with spies, real pre decimal money and spivs selling stolen goods including a well known and very shifty "fence" call Turley selling a brass lamp. The child selling 15 Denier Tights was a little ahead of her time and clearly indicated she was a Spivette. I was impressed with the parents who had made a wonderful effort to look truly 1940's and who managed to get under the tables during the Air Raid. Thank you parents on behalf of the Governors. I learnt on the Cobblers stall about metal boot and shoe lace replacements which I had never seen or heard of before the event. We never stop learning as yesterday proved.

There were 2 milestones, not one child asked to go to the loo during the 1940 teaching session and how great our young people are to take everything in their stride. I suspect this is down to parents and the excellent teachers and Teaching Assistants for year 6. The teachers and TA's managed the day seamlessly. Can you thank them for me.

Thank you again for the invite

Chris McCann

1940's TA and Cobblers Assistant.