



# **Year 6 Residential Visit**

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## **Ypres, Belgium**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June to  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

# Ypres, Belgium

The Ypres Salient, set in the landscape of West Flanders, and surrounding areas offers a range of possibilities to consolidate the children's prior learning during the curriculum topics, 'War of the Worlds' and 'Peace at Last'. The numerous cemeteries, battlefields, hills, bunkers and museums that dominate the landscape all tell their part of the story of First & Second World Wars.

# Staff

- Tanja Doig (Trip Leader)
- Lisa Francis
- Bharti Kaila
- Sarah Barber
- Stephen O'Callaghan





# Day of Departure - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

All children are to arrive at school by 4.45am by the Ashridge gate where they will be met and registered. All luggage will be loaded directly onto the coach.

We will be leaving **promptly at 5:00am**, once we have registered the children and checked luggage/medication etc. **PLEASE can you ensure all medication requests/ needs are discussed with Tanja and /or Sarah prior to departure on Tuesday morning as this delays departure on the day. Travel sickness pills must be specified on their medication questionnaire and consent.** Parents may say goodbye to the children once they have been dropped off or wait to wave the coach off.

Please can you ensure that the children have the following with them on the morning:

**Sports Bag/Holdall** packed with **clothes, toiletries, shoes**, etc.

**Packed lunch – NO lunch box** (completely disposable packaging please)

**Day Bag containing:** waterproof coat, snack & lunch plus any items for the coach

# Medication

Please ensure, if required, that all **TRAVEL SICKNESS TABLETS** have been taken before we depart. Any extra tablets for other journeys should be given to Tanja Doig/ Sarah Barber in a clearly named envelope and should be included on the medical questionnaire.

We will be collecting in all other medication on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June at the end of the school day (Tanja/Sarah will be in the school office from 3pm) or on the morning of departure) . Please ensure that it is **clearly named**, with **instructions as appropriate**, and given directly to Tanja Doig/ Sarah Barber.

**Please remember that all medication handed in on the day must also have been detailed on the medical information form.** We will be taking these forms with us on the visit.

# Daily Routine

- Wake Up & Dress - 7.15 – 7.45am
- Set up Breakfast - 7.45am
- Breakfast - 8.00am
- Leave accommodation - 9.00am
- Morning Activity - 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Lunch - 12.00pm
- Afternoon Activity - 12.30pm
- Return to accommodation - 4.00pm
- Free Time - 5.00pm
- Evening Meal - 5.30pm
- Evening Activity - 6.30pm
- Story/Room Inspection - 9.00pm
- BED!! - 9.30 – 10.00pm



# Activities

## Sights of Interest:

- Thiepval Memorial & Museum, France
- Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial, France
- Menin Gate, (Last Post Ceremony), Ypres
- Wormhout Massacre Site, France
- Bayernwald German Trenches, Belgium
- Hill 62 (English Trenches), Belgium
- *Museum Passchendaele, Zonnebeke, Belgium*
- *The Tyne Cot Cemetery*
- *Langemark German War Cemetery*
- *Vimy Ridge Memorial on route home*

## Evening Activities:

- Bowling
- Last Post, Menin Gate

# Day 1

## The Thiepval Memorial, Memorial to the Missing of the Somme



This memorial bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20 March 1918 and have no known grave. The memorial also serves as an Anglo-French Battle Memorial in recognition of the joint nature of the 1916 offensive and a small cemetery containing equal numbers of Commonwealth and French graves lies at the foot of the memorial.



# Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial, France

The Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial is a memorial site in France dedicated to the commemoration of Dominion of Newfoundland forces members who were killed during World War I.



# Menin Gate, The Last Post

This is the Missing in a war memorial in Ypres, Belgium, dedicated to the British and Commonwealth soldiers who were killed in the Ypres Salient of World War I and whose graves are unknown. The memorial is located at the eastern exit of the town and marks the starting point for one of the main roads out of the town that led Allied soldiers to the front line.





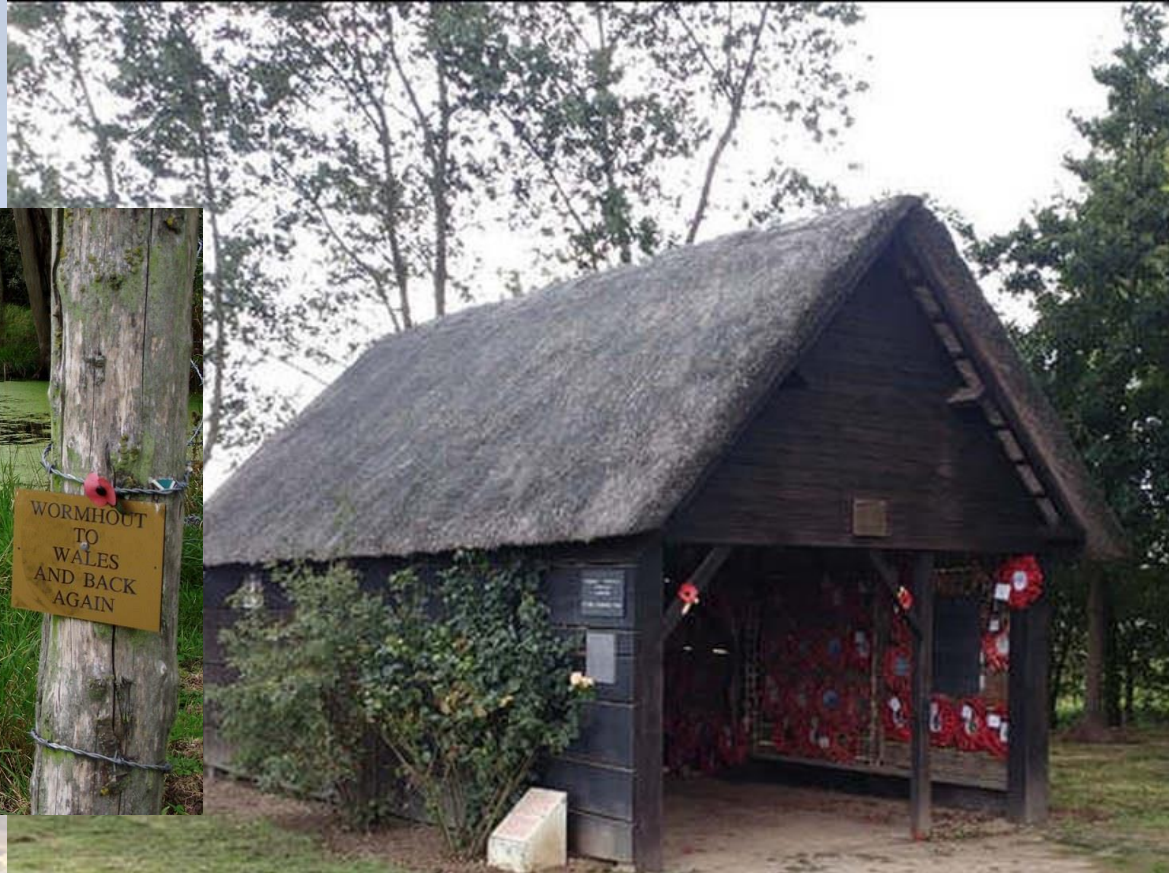
# Accomodation





# Day 2

## The Wormhoudt Massacre Sight Memorial



The **Wormhoudt massacre** (or **Wormhout massacre**) was the [mass murder](#) of 80 British and French [POWs](#) by [Waffen-SS](#) soldiers from the [1st SS Division Leibstandarte SS Adolf Hitler](#) during the [Battle of France](#) in May 1940.



# The Bayernwald Trenches



The Bayernwald Trenches are a carefully restored section of an original German trench system dating from 1916. The reconstruction was carried out in the original trench section under archaeological conditions.



# Hill 62



The Canadian Hill 62 (Sanctuary Wood) Memorial is a war memorial that commemorates the actions of the Canadian Corps in defending the southern stretches of the Ypres Salient between April and August 1916.

**And tonight folks... bowling**





# Day 3      Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917

Also known as the Third Battle of Ypres, where in 1917 in only 100 days, almost 500,000 men were killed for only eight kilometers gain of ground. The museum is housed in the historic château grounds of Zonnebeke and focuses on the material aspects of World War I.





# Tyne Cot Commonwealth War Graves



Tyne Cot Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery and Memorial to the Missing is a Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) burial ground for the dead of the First World War in the Ypres Salient on the Western Front. It is the largest cemetery for Commonwealth forces in the world, for any war.



# Langemark German War Cemetery



More than 44,000 soldiers are buried here. The village was the scene of the first gas attacks by the German army in the western front, marking the beginning of the Second Battle of Ypres in April 1915.





# Leonidas Chocolate Shop and walk around the town





# Day 4

## Vimy Ridge Memorial



This war memorial site in France dedicated to the memory of Canadian Expeditionary Force members killed during the First World War. It also serves as the place of commemoration for Canadian soldiers of the First World War killed or presumed dead in France who have no known grave.





**Homeward bound...**

**Expected time of arrival 17h00** however if this changes we will contact parents.



# Food

The food will be home cooked and plentiful and there will always be a choice available at breakfast and lunchtimes. Please inform the staff of any dietary requirements/allergies.

- **Breakfast:** Selection of cereals / Toast
- **Lunch:** Filled baguette, crisps, biscuit, fruit & water
- **Dinner:** Evening meals will be provided at the accommodation for on all 3 nights.

# Pocket Money

There are not many gift shops available at the sites visited, however there will be an opportunity to buy some souvenirs when we have our tour of Ypres. We ask that that the children bring **no more than €20.00** with them – this will be ample to satisfy all shopping urges! Please make sure that all money is contained in a named purse/wallet of some description.

- The children will be responsible for their own money and should consider carefully what they would like to spend their money on.
- The chocolate and ice-cream shops are always a firm favourite so they should save their money if this is what they want to spend their money on.



# Health and Safety

A full, comprehensive first-aid kit will accompany us, along with the relevant medication for individual children, e.g. inhalers. Should it be necessary to seek further medical advice/treatment, parents will be informed.

# Behaviour

In order for the visit to be enjoyable, we expect a high standard of behaviour from all children, at all times. Although the facilities are purpose built, we are guests and the children will be expected to behave accordingly. The children will be responsible for keeping rooms neat and tidy. Awards and certificates will be given to those groups who achieve the highest standards of tidiness!



# Emergency Contact

Upon arrival at Thiepval Memorial, the school will be telephoned and updated. The school will then send out a ParentMail to all parents to let them know of our safe arrival. Everyday the school will also be phoned with an update/news about the visit

Should you have any queries, please contact Helen Beckett during the school day (Tel: 020 8542 6936). In an extreme emergency, the school will be able to contact a member of staff (not your child), but this will only be the case if it is absolutely necessary. Please note that the children will be involved in activities all day long and not near a phone.



# Updates

Whilst we are away, we will update Twitter regularly to send updates – dependent on signal!! Please follow us **@HillcrossPS**. Please note that all staff are busy supervising children and so Twitter updates will not be continual and may not always show pictures of your child - this is nothing to worry about.



## Kit List

Please bear in mind this is a very active visit; children will need to be dressed appropriately for taking part in the range of activities – remembering they may get muddy and/or wet!

Item to pack	
<b>Essential items:</b>	
· PASSPORT <b>(to be brought to school by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June)</b>	
· EHIC Card <b>(to be brought to school by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June)</b>	
· Night clothes	
· Underwear	
· Socks	
· Tracksuit	
· 2 pairs of trousers (not jeans, as they get very uncomfortable when wet)	
· 2 sweatshirts/jumpers/fleeces	
· 2 T-Shirts	
· Waterproof coat/cagoule	
· Pairs of comfortable shoes/trainers for walking	
· WELLINGTON BOOTS – these are essential for exploring the trenches!!	
· Slippers/indoor shoes	
· 1 bath towel	
· Hairbrush/comb	
· Wash bag (containing toothbrush, toothpaste, flannel, soap (in a container), deodorant, shampoo)	
· Handkerchiefs/tissues	
· Black plastic bag(s) for dirty/wet clothes	
<b>Optional:</b>	
· Camera (at own risk) – disposable might be a good idea!	
· Watch (at own risk)	
· Purse/Wallet for money	
· Torch	
· Reading book	

## Not Allowed

- Mobile Phone
- Personal Stereo/MP3 Player/iPad
- Electronic Games

All items must be labelled clearly with your child's name. There is not a lot of storage space, so please do not send large suitcases.

# Reminders

- **Passport and EHIC Card** to be brought to school by **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June** if not done so already.
- Make sure you arrive promptly (and quietly at **4.45am**). The **coach will leave at 5.00am** and we will not wait for late arrivals.
- Do pack a teddy or comforter if your child has one. Most people tend to, even some of the adults, so your child will not be alone!