

5th September 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

Next Friday, 13th September, is Great Torrington Schools 80th Birthday! We first opened our doors on September 13th 1939 with a roll of 296 students. A far cry from our current size and roll of nearly 800.

To mark this occasion we are intending to have a number of small events / celebrations around the school, we're also inviting staff to wear period clothing from the 30s/40s and will be ringing the original 1939 hand held bell at lesson changeover.

The canteen is also organising a special menu, along with bunting and period music:

Mains

Battered fish or Lord Woolton pie (vegetarian), Chips and Mushy Peas or Baked Beans
Ration Bag with sandwich / cake / fruit

Puddings

Fruit Cake
Sponge Pudding and Custard
Marble Cake

We will be running open tours for our school 'alumni' and will have partial themed lessons on during the day, including some events / activities during tutor time and watching parts the BBC program Back in Time which discovers how education through time has changed.

We will also have images / displays of some items from our school archives including the original school plan, and would like to fill a memory box (there is already one in the sports hall from 1990, due to be opened in 2040) If you have any 2019 'artifacts' which you'd be willing to donate to this they would be gratefully received.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Operations