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13th October 2007

Dear Parents,

Each year, on the Saturday nearest to November 11th, the Amsterdam branch of the Royal Air Forces Association organises a ceremony of Remembrance at the Commonwealth war graves, which are situated in the Nieuw Oosterbegraafplaats in Kruislaan, Amsterdam.

The British School of Amsterdam has been asked to participate again the year, and the children will be asked to lay a cross at each of the graves. One child from the school will also lay a wreath. Dutch school children will also take part in the ceremony, and a representative of their school community will lay a wreath too.

We should like as many children as possible to attend the service which this year takes place on Saturday 10th November * and we would like to invite your child to represent both the School and the British community in this act of Remembrance. The children should arrive at 10.00 at the Oosterbegraafplaats for an initial briefing. A silent march to the graves will commence at 10.30, followed by the service, which will start at 11.00. This should last no more than 30 minutes, giving a total time commitment of 90 minutes. Directions to the cemetery will be sent home closer to the time for those who need them.

The children will be required to wear full school uniform, with the exception of Brownies, Cubs, Guides or Scouts, who should wear the appropriate uniform. After the service, hot chocolate will be served to all participants.

I hope you will see attending the service as an opportunity to broaden the children's understanding of a significant 20th century world event, and to experience first-hand the paying of respects.

I should be grateful if you would return the attached slip to me at the Upper School no later than Monday October 22nd so that I can inform the organisers of expected numbers.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Dovey-Laytham

* Please note that this date follows the closure days for staff training on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th November.

I should like my child _____ in class _____

to take part in the Service of Remembrance on Saturday November 10th 2007.

Signed _____