



BUDMOUTH COMBINED CADET FORCE

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Weymouth Armed Forces and Veterans Celebration 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Budmouth CCF cadets have been invited to participate in this year's Weymouth Armed Forces and Veterans Celebration Weekend, by taking part in the Service and Parade on Weymouth Seafront on Sunday 18th June, 2023. This event commemorates the sacrifices of former and current service personnel in our Armed Forces and attending such events is an important part of being a cadet. We want our cadets to understand the contribution these people have made, to enable us all to live the lives we do today.

This is an event that we encourage every Budmouth CCF Cadet to attend. This is an occasion that our cadets can be proud to wear their Budmouth CCF uniform and represent Budmouth CCF in our local community.

We will meet in Brunswick Terrace, on Weymouth seafront, DT4 7RW at 10.15am on Sunday 18th June. This will enable us to have time to check that everyone's uniform is correct and to get all cadets sorted in size order for the parade.

Please make sure all cadets have a good breakfast and are ready for the parade. There will be a period of time that cadets will be standing on parade and we do not want fallen casualties. We will have members of staff monitoring and handing out bottled water if needed. All cadets MUST make sure their mobile phones are switched off. We will move onto the seafront about 10.40 and take part in the remembrance service by the War memorial, we will then march along the seafront to the Pavilion Car Park. We will be dismissed by the parade staff and the cadets will be ready for collection or to make their own way home from the Pavilion end of the Esplanade. As we now have over 70 cadets we are expecting to have a large contingent of Budmouth Cadets on parade.

Parents are very welcome to come and watch the Service and Parade. However please be aware that the Esplanade road will be shut from 10am until after the parade has finished if you plan to drop off or collect your son / daughter. Please also note the event will happen whatever the weather. If it is raining, please do not use this as an excuse not to attend.

Army cadets will need to wear their Army uniform with shirt sleeves rolled up and make sure boots are polished and berets are worn correctly. Royal Navy cadets will need to wear their #3b uniform (short sleeved no tie). We often meet up with the Royal Tank Regiment and Royal Navy veteran association members, so we want our cadets to be smart. Often our cadets talk to the veterans about their experiences and this is a great time for intergenerational swapping of stories and experiences. A real benefit for all involved. Please can you complete the form on the Budmouth website to confirm attendance. This can be found in the 'Parents' Information' tab - Forms - 2023 Veterans Parade. This is so we know which cadets are attending and we can plan the parade format beforehand.

If you have any questions regarding any of these events please email me at stemple@budmouth-aspirations.org.

Regards

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