

22nd November 2019

Dear parents/carers

Year 1 Victorian Workshop

On Monday 16th December 2019, Year 1 will take part in a Victorian Workshop day at school. This will enhance the children's learning and understanding of our current topic about Queen Victoria and the Victorians.

The children will be taken back in time to 22nd June 1887 where our school hall will be transformed into a "house" consisting of up to 12 rooms. In readiness for a visit by Queen Victoria, who is celebrating her Diamond Jubilee, all the rooms must be prepared and the servants trained to work under the watchful eye of the Queen's equerry.

The children will experience a range of jobs in the various rooms of 'The Big House':

'Downstairs' as maids and pages, they may be expected to lay the fires, polish and clean, and even learn how to shave the master of the house! In the 'outside' rooms they could be set to work in the laundry, shown how to plant and label seeds in the garden room, and issue servant wages from the estate office.

'Upstairs' they can learn how to lay the table and serve in the dining room, write with dip pens in the study, and play with their toys before the bedtime routine in the nursery.

They will also be given opportunities to handle Victorian artefacts and in the afternoon enjoy practical activities to learn about how the Victorians celebrated Christmas.

Costume: We would like the children to dress up for this workshop since it is a fantastic way of getting the children into the role of being Victorians. Fitting children out in costume will inevitably take some time and effort but it is possible to do it very cheaply through creative shopping at the charity shops. **Do not rush out and buy expensive new clothes!** We suggest you use old clothes, especially if they have any rips and tears.

Boys	Girls
Victorian boys' clothes can be plain collarless shirts, dark shorts or trousers and plain socks. Trousers either tucked into socks or shredded at the ends Shirt Waistcoat Flat cap Braces Patches sewn onto clothes Torn clothing Blackened faces Boots (alternatively black or brown shoes)	Girls can wear plain dresses covered with a white apron tied at the back. Patches sewn onto clothes Torn clothing Blackened faces Boots (alternatively black or brown shoes)

Important: The children will be going outside for their break and lunch times so please ensure that they have a warm jumper and coat as normal.

We are requesting a voluntary contribution of £8.00 towards the cost of the workshop; unfortunately, if insufficient voluntary contributions are received the workshop may have to be cancelled. To ensure that no children are disadvantaged, please contact us if you have any problem with payment. Please sign the consent form attached and return it by Monday 9th December 2019. Payment can now be made online by ParentPay (www.parentpay.com - please ensure you select the appropriate trip when paying by ParentPay).

Please sign and return the attached consent form.

We are looking for volunteer parent/carers to help us with these workshops. If you have a current DBS, please indicate on the attached consent form if you are able to help. Please be aware, you will not be in a group with your child.

Yours sincerely

Miss E Quinn, Mrs N McGovern and Mrs I Parveen
Year 1 Team

Important Consent Form: (attached)

CONSENT FORM

Please complete and return to your Class Teacher by the deadline date of **Monday 9th December 2019.**

Victorian 'Day at the big house' Workshop in school

Monday 16th December 2019

Child's name..... Class.....

I agree to..... (child's name) taking part in this workshop

I have made my contribution of £8.00 via parent pay (please tick)

I am aware that photos taken during this visit may include my child and may appear on the Branfil website

Signed.....Parent/carer

Dated.....

Parent/Carer Helpers

I would be available to help with the Year 1 Victorian Workshop with class and have a current DBS.

Name: _____

Relationship to the child: _____

Thank you for being willing to help; we will be in touch to confirm whether we need to take you up on your offer.