

**Local History, Reception Class & Year 1**  
**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019**

Dear Parents/Carers

10<sup>th</sup> January 2019

As part of our local history studies, children in Reception Class & Year 1 will spend **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January** learning about what it was like to be at school during the Victorian era. The day will be a complete contrast for them - amongst our planned activities we will use slates & chalk to write with and take part in games using hoops & skipping.

In order to add to the experience, we would like children to come to school that day dressed in Victorian costume. Please do not go to any expense but use clothing you either have at home or can borrow. Please see suggestions at the bottom of the page which I hope you will find useful.

**Open Afternoon – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019, 4.00pm - 5.30pm**

This is an opportunity for anyone with a historical connection to the school (past pupils/employees) to come into school and have a look at how the school looks now and to hear some of their stories from days gone by. Please spread the word should you have any family members/friends who would be interested.

Yours sincerely

Mr E Whitehead

Headteacher



**Girls' Costume**

**Victorian**

White pinafore or smock  
Laced/Button boots or clogs  
Dark dresses with long sleeves  
Black woollen stockings

**Optional extras** – Hats, bonnets or shawls.

**Current Day Alternatives**

Dark boots/shoes  
Dark skirt/dress – as long as possible  
Dark knee high socks or tights

**Boys' Costume**

**Victorian**

Knickerbockers  
Long woollen socks to knee

Leather boots/shoes  
White shirt, stiff collar  
Jacket/waistcoat with jersey

**Current Day Alternatives**

Long grey/dark school trousers  
Long grey/dark school socks pulled over the trousers up to the knee and held with elastic  
Dark shoes/boots  
White shirt with stiff collar or sailor collar  
Dark round neck jersey/ dark suit type jacket and or waistcoat.

**Optional extras** – Flat cap, woollen scarf.