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Dear Parents

As part of our 'Memory Lane' topic this term, we are planning to visit the Sevington Victorian school on **Thursday 10th November**.

We aim to leave school just after 9am and return by 3.15pm. We will be travelling by coach to the museum with some children from St Mary's in Broughton Gifford. The voluntary cost for this trip is £16.80. It is important to note that this trip will only run if we have enough contributions to cover the costs.

During the trip will have the opportunity to experience life in a school room in the past. Girls and boys will be treated differently and be expected to experience different activities. Children will get to choose a Victorian name and we will provide them with a register with these chosen names.

COSTUMES

Children will need to come dressed as a Victorian child. A Victorian classroom maybe colder than our classroom, so please remember to wear layers under these costumes.

The museum gives clear instructions on appropriate costumes below. Please, talk to each other if you have any difficulties in finding these items and talk to us if you are still struggling. The museum does have a few spare shawls if we should need them:

Girls could wear appropriate costume or woollen shawl over long sleeved blouse and mid length skirt, dark tights and sturdy shoes or boots - not trainers or sandals. Overlong skirts are not authentic, they are also difficult to walk and play in. Long hair was usually gathered from sides and fastened on top with back hanging loose. Mob caps and pinafores can be worn.

Boys could wear appropriate costume or cut off below knee length trousers, long dark plain trousers, long sleeved shirt, a waistcoat, buttoned jacket or plain dark jumper. Sturdy shoes or boots - not trainers or sandals. Caps must be worn.

FOOD

Your child will also need to bring a packed lunch to school. The directions for lunches are as follows:



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Food- A hunk of bread and cheese with an apple would be simple and authentic. Other suitable items include raw carrot, cold boiled or jacket potatoes, pasties, a pastry pie. Gingerbread, shortbread, or a slice of cake could be included as a treat. Children should bring their food in a named paper bag or wrapped in greaseproof paper or a tea towel. No other food is necessary, especially not sweets or snacks. Remember that oranges, bananas, yoghurt are not appropriate.

Drinks -Please do not bring drinks as they will supply water.

We hope that this will be an enjoyable day, where the children will get a real insight into how children were educated in our schools in the past.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Karen Freeman
