



MALCOLM SARGENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love To Learn

28 January 2019

Dear Y2 Parents/Carers

STEPPING BACK IN TIME - STIBBINGTON TRIP

Next term, your child is learning about school life during Victorian times. In our history lessons, we will be finding out how children were taught in the past and comparing that to school life now. To enable this learning to really come to life, we are taking the children on a 'stepping back in time' experience day at Stibbington Education Centre on Thursday 28 March and Friday 29 March 2019.

Miss Gedney's class will be visiting on the Thursday 28 March, and Mrs Nottingham's and Mrs Simpson's classes will be visiting on Friday 29 March. We will be leaving at 0930 and should be back at school by 1430. We will be travelling by coach and so booster seats will not be required.

As your child is entitled to a free hot lunch under the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme, we will automatically swap your hot meal for a pack up. This usually comprises a ham or cheese sandwich, a yogurt, a piece of fruit, a cookie/cake and a bottle of water. If you want to cancel this and send in your own packed lunch, please let Mrs Bell at the office know by no later midday on Monday 18 March 2019. Please also send additional drinks and snacks for your child which should be in a small rucksack. We will take milk (if ordered for your child) and fruit which your child can have at break time as normal.

In order for the children to fully immerse themselves in Victorian life during their visit we would like the children to dress up for the day. Please see below for some recommended simple costume ideas. As we may be outside some of the time, please ensure your child has normal school shoes and a coat as normal.

Victorian Girl	Victorian Boy
 <p data-bbox="188 1848 794 1953">Black or grey dress or skirt. Long sleeved white, grey or black top. Optional: White pinafore and cap.</p>	 <p data-bbox="815 1879 1385 1953">Black or grey trousers, white top. Optional: Waistcoat and cap.</p>

Under the school's new Charging and Remissions Policy, this activity is classed as optional. That means that it is not a required activity under the national curriculum. In order to make the trip viable, we are requesting a voluntary contribution from parents to cover the cost of the transport, entrance fee and activities of **£17.00 per child**. There is no obligation for parents to make a contribution and I would reassure you that no child will be excluded from this activity simply because their parents are unwilling or unable to pay. However, if insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund this activity, and the school cannot fund it via another source, the activity will be cancelled. **The deadline for payment to be received to allow for cancellation is Friday 15 March 2019.**

Remissions are available for this activity if parents are in genuine financial difficulty. However, funding is limited and there is no guarantee that all requests can be met. Parents in receipt of certain benefits, such as those applicable to Free School Meals, may request assistance with the costs of activities by contacting Mrs Town at the school office in confidence at the earliest opportunity. Decisions regarding funding will be made at the discretion of the Principal on a case by case basis.

If your child has an asthma inhaler or epi-pen in school, we will take these with us automatically. If he/she needs any other medication such as for travel sickness, please speak to your child's class teacher before the trip and then on the morning of the trip, hand to the teacher in a sealed envelope, clearly labelled with the medication name, child's name, dose amount and time.

This will be a super trip and we do hope your child will be able to join us.

Yours sincerely

Miss Lois Gedney
Head of Y2