

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Headteacher: Mr. J M Devlin

Dear Parent/Carer

16th October 2017

To enhance your children's learning in our Victorian topic we have arranged for a visit to Quarry Bank Mill on Wednesday 1st November.

Y5 will visit the mill where the pauper children worked, the Apprentice House, a recreated 'home' where students can experience life in the past. Experience a strict lesson in the schoolroom and see the grisly medical treatments of the day. To make the experience as realistic as possible we would like all children to dress up in Victorian inspired costumes for the day. Suggested costumes are attached overleaf. These costumes will also be used for our drama and technology workshop, The Bradford Poisonings, on 16th November and a concert we will be filming before Christmas.

We will leave school promptly at 9:05am and return at approximately 5:00pm. Your child will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink. Children who are entitled to free school meals will be provided with a pack lunch by the school kitchen. We will travel by minibus so please ensure that your child takes any travel sickness medication on the morning of the trip.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Palmer



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Costume

Since it is difficult to reproduce exactly the costumes worn in the schoolroom, we suggest the following guidelines, which you may wish to modify as appropriate.

The desired effect is to add to the experience of role-play as much as possible rather than to faithfully reproduce the costume of the time(s):

Girls' Costume

Victorian

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

Optional Extras

Hats or bonnets may be included. Half Timers wore woollen shawls over their heads which were fastened at the neck with a pin or brooch.

Boys' Costume

Victorian

Knickerbockers
Long woollen socks to the knee
Leather boots/shoes or clogs*
White shirt, stiff collar
Jacket/waistcoat with jersey

Modern

Dark boots / shoes
Dark skirt/dress (as long as possible)
Dark Knee high socks or tights

Modern

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 or clogs
White shirt with stiff collar or sailor collar
Dark round neck jersey or dark suit type and/or waistcoat

Optional Extras

Flat caps and/or mufflers

*Many of the poorer children would have been barefooted in the schoolroom

PLEASE TRY TO ENSURE THAT THE CHILDREN DO NOT HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Modern money
- Coloured trainers or pumps
- Jeans or sweatshirts
- Modern watches or jewellery
- Mobile phones or Ipods

