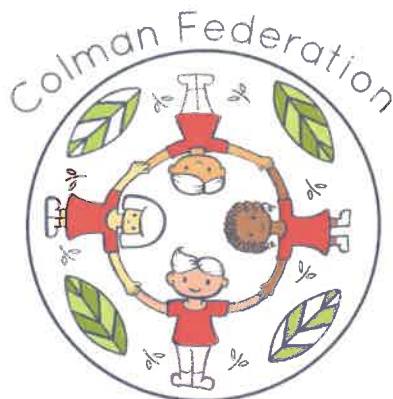


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Mrs Julie Sandford
Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer

16th October 2020

Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse Trip - Thursday 19th November 2020

We have arranged for a visit to Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse on Thursday 19th November 2020. This will complement our study of Victorian Britain. The children will take part in a Victorian activity day - an active hands-on experience which will broaden their knowledge and understanding of life for Victorian children. We will take part in a range of character-led living history activities, such as participating in a Victorian school lesson and experiencing life in the workhouse and on the farm. To add to the authenticity of the day we invite your child to dress up as a poor Victorian child and a costume ideas sheet is attached to this letter.

We will travel to and from Gressenhall by coach. Pupils will need a packed lunch and a drink, if your child is eligible for free school meals then a lunch will be provided. As some of the activities will be outside they will also need a coat. We aim to return in time for normal end of day arrangements to apply. Covid19 risk assessments have been undertaken by the provider and all are compliant and we will be the only school visiting on the day.

The cost of the trip is £12.00, including coach hire. The visits will take place during normal school hours and therefore, the school is unable to make a charge, but is allowed to ask for voluntary contributions. We do not have funds to meet the cost, so the visits will only go ahead if sufficient voluntary contributions of £12.00 are received. *If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, then the cost of the trip will be met by the school, please indicate on the reply slip if this is the case.*

Payment can be made by ParentPay (which is our preferred payment method), or payment can be made by cash/cheque in a sealed/named envelope. Please complete the return slip if you are paying by cash/cheque or eligible for Pupil Premium only. If you pay via ParentPay then we will obtain your electronic consent.

Yours faithfully

Mr Furlong
Year 6 Teachers

Mr Genders

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Reply slip for Gressenhall Trip

Please return if you are paying by cash/cheque or eligible for Pupil Premium. If you are paying via ParentPay then you do not need to return as we will have electronic consent

(Please return to the School Office by Friday 6th November 2020)

Child's name: _____

Class: _____

I give permission for my child to take part on Thursday 19th November to Gressenhall Farm.

I enclose the requested voluntary contribution of £12.00 by cash/cheque.

My child is entitled to Pupil Premium and I understand the cost will be met by the school.

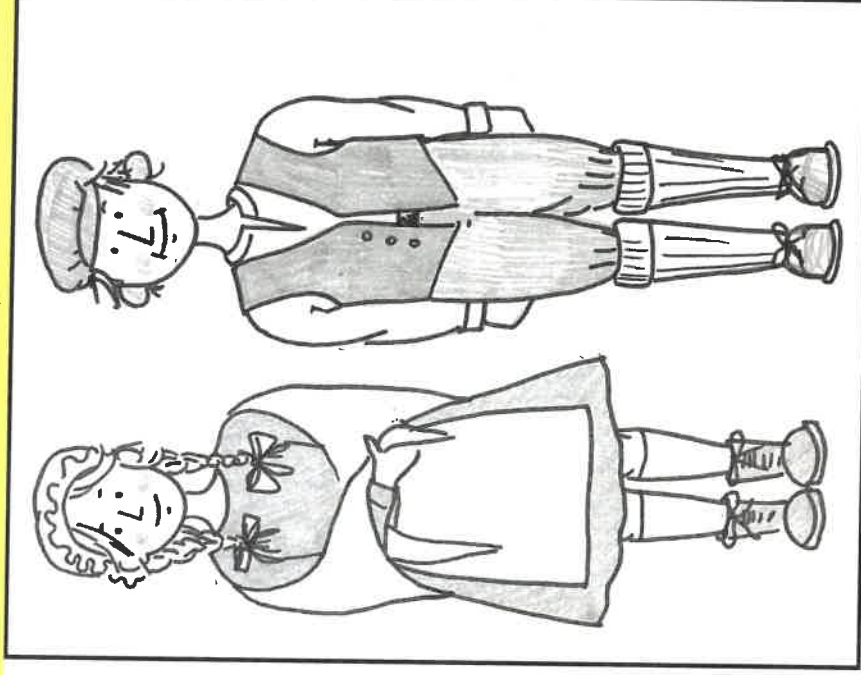
Signed: _____ Parent/Carer Date: _____

Victorian costume and lunch suggestions

Girls

- Bonnet, scarf or straw hat
- Hair worn loose or in plaits
- Hair tied with ribbons
- Plain knee or calf length dress (or a skirt and top)
- Plain white apron
- Shawl or wide scarf drawn over head or shoulders
- Long socks or thick, plain tights
- Stout dark shoes or boots

If the weather is cold please bring a coat with you. Don't worry, it doesn't have to look Victorian!



Boys

- Flat cap
- Handkerchief or scarf tied at neck
- Old shirt with collar cut off or tucked inside
- Trousers tucked into long socks, grey/black 'school' shorts or cut down old school trousers
- Button up waistcoat
- Long socks
- Stout dark shoes or boots

If the weather is cold please bring a coat with you. Don't worry, it doesn't have to look Victorian!

Lunch

You might like to consider bringing a Victorian lunch to eat. In a time before supermarkets and fast food, there was no crisps or plastic wrapped chocolates or biscuits! Food could be brought wrapped in a cloth (i.e. tea towel), a basket, brown paper bag or in a tin rather than a plastic lunchbox. Food to include:

- *Thick sliced cheese sandwich
- *Bread and jam
- *Pickled onions
- *Cooked ham
- *Boiled egg
- *Fruit
- *Gingerbread biscuits
- *Shortbread
- *Fruit cake
- *Jam tart
- * 'Traditional' lemonade
- * Ginger beer

'...there were no school dinners. I took bread and cheese and a bottle of cold tea...'