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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Year 6 have been invited to take part in a 'Victorian Activity Day' history event at Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse on Friday 22nd May. The children will have an opportunity to broaden their knowledge and understanding of life in Victorian Norfolk.

Throughout the day, they will step back in time and meet costumed characters. They will work in the fields, take a Victorian school lesson, find out what life was like in the workhouse and lend a hand in a Victorian kitchen and washhouse.

For this event, children are encouraged to dress in Victorian costume (please see sheet below for ideas), but please ensure that your child will be warm and wears suitable shoes for walking. We will be walking outside between the various activities. Children will also need to provide a packed lunch to take with them on the day. Children who are entitled to a free school meal will be able to order a school packed lunch to take with them.

We will be leaving school at 9.15am and will return in time for the end of the school day at 3.15pm. The cost of this trip will be as follows;

Admission to Gressenhall	£6.00
Transport	+ £8.59
	£14.59
FOHVCPS Transport Subsidy	- £8.59
TOTAL TO PAY	<u>£6.00</u>

As you are aware, we are only able to ask for voluntary contributions towards the cost of the visit. However, if we do not receive enough money to cover the cost, unfortunately the trip will not take place. We would like all children to participate in this trip so please contact me if you have any financial difficulties. Families entitled to Pupil Premium will be offered this trip at a reduced price. Please login to your School Money account to make your payment and give consent by **Friday 15th May**.

Please contact the school office if you have any difficulties with the payment as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Miss Garner





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

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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...'

