

Oaklands Junior School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have arranged on Friday 14th December for Year 5 children to visit the Victorian Classroom, based at the Reading Museum Abbey Gateway and also to visit the Victorian Christmas Experience based at the Museum. Both classes will leave school at 9.15a.m. and return by 3.00p.m.

Our cross curricular topic is based on the book "The Street Child" and children will have been working on this theme. The Victorian Christmas has been designed to support the study of Victorian family life at Christmas. In the Victorian Classroom the children will concentrate on what life would have been like 100 years ago in a poor Board School. After an initial teaching and information input the children will role play. They will have lessons in the "3Rs" and experience the discipline of this era!

We hope the children will supply their own costumes; -

For the girls:-

Calf length skirt

Long/Short sleeved blouse

or plain dark dress

Knee length plain socks

Hair off their faces with plain hair ribbons

(no modern slides or jewellery)

For the boys:-

Plain long-sleeved shirt

Dark trousers tucked into knee length plain

dark socks

Plain dark shoes

(If possible waistcoat, neckerchief & caps)

No watches on the day please!

The Museum will provide pinafores for the girls and collars for the boys.

We wish to make the whole day a "Victorian Experience" for the children. They should wear their costumes to school and bring a "Victorian school lunch". This means a sandwich or a piece of bread and a chunk of cheese or a pork pie, pasty or similar. For a dessert, they could bring a piece of fruit or a small fruit/mince pie. Crisps and fromage frais were not known to the Victorians! Drinks should be in plain plastic (not Victorian, but safer) bottles covered in brown paper or the like. All items should be wrapped in brown paper/baking parchment (or something similar, but not newspaper, please) and covered with a tea towel for the authentic 'Victorian' look!

The children will also need a waterproof coat (modern) in case of rain.

In order for this activity to take place a voluntary contribution of £15.00 per child is required; this includes the cost of transport. Any child receiving free school meals will have this trip paid for out of pupil premium funding but if any other family is experiencing financial difficulty please contact the school; all enquiries will be dealt with in confidence. Please could you complete the permission slip and EV2 form and return it to school by Friday 7th December.

Yours faithfully,

Miss. K. Davidson & Miss. H. Noad

**YEAR 5 VISIT TO THE READING MUSEUM
FRIDAY 14th DECEMBER 2018**

I do/do not give permission for my child_____ in Class_____ to
visit Reading Museum on Friday 14th December.

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £15.00
(Please make any cheques payable to “Oaklands Junior School”)

I have paid online (please tick).

Signed.....(Parent/Guardian)