



# The Bluecoat School and Nursery Unit

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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents

We will be holding a Victorian day on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October in order to celebrate the end of our Y3 project on the Victorians.

The day will give the children a chance to take part in a range of Victorian activities including:

- Victorian cooking (not as horrid as you might imagine)
- Washing your clothes, Victorian style (as messy as you might imagine)
- A Victorian School experience (very different to our classes today)
- Victorian arts and crafts

In the afternoon, as a very special treat, the children will watch a Victorian style puppet show as would have been seen at seaside resorts of Victorian England over a hundred years ago.

In order for the children to feel part of the Victorian times we would like to ask that the children wear simple costume rather than their school uniform.

These costumes do not need to be complicated or cost any money.

Here are some simple ideas:

## **CHIMNEY SWEEP**

Ruggedly cut the bottoms off some brown or grey trousers (or wear shorts), which they can wear with plimsolls. Add a scruffy white shirt; you could dye one in tea to make look more authentic! (To do this add a tea bag to a bucket of warm water and soak the shirt in it.) Put some dirt or brown/black face paint on their face and hands to make it look like they've been up a chimney. Accessorise with a flat cap and or, of course, with a 'sweeping brush' (a static duster would be perfect).



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## VICTORIAN GIRLS

A long, dark-coloured dress or skirt with a long sleeved blouse. Add a shawl around the shoulders and or a head scarf around the head to accessorise. If you can't get a long dark dress/skirt for a child, get a knee-length adult one and tighten the waist with a belt. Plimsolls or school shoes.



## VICTORIAN BOY

Go for dark trousers, a dark coloured waistcoat and a white or cream shirt. Fasten on a bow tie or tie an adult tie into a bow around the neck. School shoes on the feet would be fine.



As the children will be taking part in cooking and the washing activity, I felt it important to give you the chance to let us know about any allergies that may affect your child's enjoyment of the day.

The reply slip below asks you to comment on two areas.

1. Food allergies. Please let us know if there are any allergies we need to be aware of, in advance of the cooking activity.
2. In order to experience Victorian washing we will be using carbolic soap. If any of the children have known skin allergies please let us know.

If your child does not have any problems with either please tick the box and return.

Yours sincerely

Jodie Stanworth

Y3 teacher

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**Y3 VICTORIAN DAY EXPERIENCE**

**I have received the information about Y3 Victorian Day on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015.**

My child: \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm my child has no food or skin allergies

My child has the following issues (see below):

Food information. Please take into account the following when planning food activities.

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Skin allergy information.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

