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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 5 Preston Manor and Booth Museum Visit in Brighton

During the second half of the autumn term, the children in Year 5 will be learning about life in Victorian Britain. To enhance and support this learning the year group will be visiting Preston Manor in Brighton and the Booth Museum. The children will take part in a Victorian role play where they will experience what life was like for Victorian working children, as well as visiting a famous Victorian's collection of natural history.

Swan and Heron classes will be having their visit on **Tuesday 6th November 2018**

Kingfisher class will be having their visit on **Wednesday 7th November 2018**

We will be travelling to Brighton by coach, **leaving at 8.45am and we expect to be back at school by 4.00pm.**

Every child will need a packed lunch and a drink on this day. If your child normally has a **Paid School Hot Meal, when in school**, you will need to **provide them with a packed lunch**. Please note it is **your responsibility to cancel/not order a hot meal** for this day with Chartwells. You must give a minimum of **10 days' notice** or you will be charged. Packed lunches will only be provided by Chartwells for those children currently receiving a Free School Hot Meal when in school.

The children will need to bring their clearly named packed lunch in disposable packaging. We would be grateful if you could try and make this lunch authentically Victorian. For example, sandwiches wrapped in greaseproof paper, loose fruit, and a piece of cake without packaging. This will help enhance the realism of the experience for the children.

We would also like the children to dress up in Victorian costume for the day. On the reverse of this letter are some ideas to help you provide your child with a suitable costume. This can also be used again later in the term for another Victorian experience.

We are asking parents to pay a voluntary contribution of **£18.00** to cover the cost of the trip including coach travel by **Friday 12th October 2018**. This price also includes the cost of professional actors who take part in the role play at Preston Manor. This can be paid either online via School Gateway or by cash/cheque to the school office in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your **child's name, class and Year 5 Preston Manor visit** (please make cheques payable to: *River Beach Primary School*). No child will be excluded from this trip for non-payment; however, if insufficient monies are received the trip may have to be cancelled.

Please be aware that it is vital that your child attends this trip as it will form the basis for the majority of work they will be doing within school for the following three weeks.

In order to ensure that your child can take part in this visit, please complete the online trip and medical consent form as soon as possible and before 12th October, thank you. If you are using a PC or laptop press **Ctrl and Click** to follow this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/CLVweoWGXmwLMOsB3> alternatively, if you wish to access the form on a smart phone or tablet, simply tap on the link.

If you hold a current DBS certificate and are able to help on the trip to the Preston Manor and Booth Museum, please let your child's class teacher know.

Yours sincerely

The Year 5 Team

Ideas for Victorian Day costumes

Costumes for this day can be created without spending any substantial amounts of money.

Boys: Think about ...

An old shirt that can be made 'dirty', a pair of shorts/trousers you can rip the knees of and a waistcoat from a relative or charity shop

Girls: Think about ...

A long dress or skirt (not brightly coloured), an apron and a hat.

Some possible ideas:



The children will be discussing ideas in year group assemblies and shown pictures of Victorian Days of years that have passed. Hopefully, they will have lots of ideas too. Alternatively, speak to parents of children in other year groups who may want to pass on their costume from when they took part in this experience.