

**MEADOW LANE INFANT SCHOOL**  
**CLASS 1, CLASS 2 AND CLASS 7 VISIT TO NEWSTEAD ABBEY**

Dear Parents/Carers

21 November 2016

We are planning an educational visit to Newstead Abbey, which includes the children taking part in a Victorian Christmas. This will involve the children experiencing the sights, sounds and activities of a Victorian Christmas with an activity based day in the atmospheric and historic surroundings of a Victorian country house. The visit will take place on **Monday 12 December 2016**. We shall be leaving at approximately 9.15 am and returning for 3.20 pm. We would welcome adult support on this visit. If you can help could you please indicate below and we will confirm this with you before the visit.

All children and adults need to wear some type of Victorian costume on the day as this adds to the Victorian atmosphere eg (girls – black pinafore dresses/long black skirts, and boys - shorts to below the knees/long socks & shirts). **Please see overleaf for further ideas regarding clothing.**

As part of the universal free school meals initiative we will provide a free packed lunch for the children on visits. We would like all the children to have a packed lunch which will include the following: A wholemeal bread cheese, ham or strawberry jam sandwich, a yoghurt, a cake and some fruit. Drinks are not included, so these should be provided by parents/carers. (No fizzy drinks or bottles please). **Please indicate on the slip below which sandwich filling you require for your child and return to school by Friday 2 December 2016. Please note, there can be no exceptions to this as the Cook Supervisor has to work to a deadline in terms of orders.**

In order for the visit to take place, we would ask you for a voluntary contribution of £12.50 to cover the cost of the admission, transport plus the activities. (Cheques made payable to Meadow Lane Infant School). The School Fund is subsidising the visit but obviously if we do not receive sufficient payments the visit would be unable to go ahead. A reminder that if you have recently had a letter from us regarding your child qualifying for pupil premium funding there is no charge for this visit.

**Leah Wignell**  
**Class Teacher**

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**Visit to Newstead Abbey - Victorian Christmas**

I give permission for ..... Class .....to go on the trip on Monday 12 December 2016.

**I would like to order a \*Cheese/Ham/Strawberry jam sandwich for lunch.**  
**\*(Please delete as appropriate).**

Medical Information: Does your child suffer from any conditions of which the teacher leading the visit should be aware YES/NO.

If YES, please give brief details, including details of any medication

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For accounting purposes please indicate if you are enclosing money with this slip.

Please indicate if you can help on the trip.

Signed.....Date.....

## Possible Costume Ideas

Please don't feel that you need to go out and buy a costume. If you want to make one, here are a couple of ideas that may be useful.

### **Chimney sweep costume**

Great for a reluctant-to-dress-up child! Ruggedly cut the bottoms off some brown or grey trousers, 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, of course, with a 'sweeping brush' (a static duster would be perfect).

### **Victorian girl costume**

A long, dark-coloured dress or skirt with a long sleeved blouse. Add a shawl around the shoulders and a head scarf around the head to accessorise, all of which you should be able to find in a charity shop! 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 ballet pumps on the feet would be ideal.

### **Victorian boy costume**

If you or a friend has taken a boy to a wedding and gone for the whole suited and booted attire, you'll probably have most of what you need for this to hand. 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. Make a paper top hat (you can get step-by-step instructions online). School shoes on the feet would be fine.