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*Be strong and
courageous.....for the
Lord your God is with you*

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Victorian Christmas Workshop
Friday 29th November

As part of our History and English topics this term, Year 6 will be learning about the Victorians through a Victorian Christmas workshop. On **Friday 29th November**, Year 6 will be taking part in an all-day workshop based on The Victorians. This is to provide the children with an immersive experience of the topic, in addition to the learning we will be doing in class.



There will be the opportunity for the children to explore how the celebration of Christmas developed through the Victorian Era and examine the difference between the social classes' daily lives. **To further enhance the experience of the trip, it would be fantastic if the children would wear period Victorian costumes.** Lots of the activities will be in role and costumes would really help bring the experience to life.

The workshop will take place during school hours, so there is no need to rearrange lunches or collection arrangements. The children will be in the school hall for the workshop.

The cost of the workshop will be £12.80. Please can we request that payment for this trip be made via Parent Pay. Please do not send in cash or cheques; this payment will be set up on your Parent Pay account. We would ask that payment is made as soon as possible and by the latest **Monday 4th November** If you do not currently hold a Parent Pay account, please visit the school office so that we can reissue you with a letter containing your login details.

Please be advised that we will only be able to go ahead with the workshop if there are sufficient voluntary contributions. If you anticipate any difficulties in contributing, please contact the Headteacher, and the matter will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Yours sincerely,

Miss E. Collins
Year 6 Teacher



Requesting financial contributions for an educational visit

School Trips – Voluntary Contributions

It has been brought to the school's attention that perhaps some parents are unsure why schools ask for a voluntary contribution but then contact parents when they have not contributed. Our letters are written in a way that does not exclude a child because a parent is unable or unwilling to pay for a trip. Below is an explanation as to why we promote school trips but also why we ask for voluntary contributions.

The value and importance of educational visit:

Learning outside the classroom is widely recognised as a valuable and effective means of extending pupil knowledge, enriching pupil understanding, and promoting personal and social development. Ofsted also acknowledge the importance of quality learning experiences outside the classroom for raising pupil attainment. Consequently, this school promotes and encourages the organisation of educational visits for all its pupils, and it is hoped that parents will also recognise the value and importance of these visits, and give their full support.

Cost of the Visit:

The school believes wholeheartedly in the value of these experiences, and subsidises the cost of all visits as much as possible in an attempt to ensure that these opportunities are accessible and affordable to all. However, the school seldom has the financial resources to pay the full costs. Consequently, a voluntary contribution is normally requested from parents/guardians to make up the shortfall. This contribution is genuinely voluntary, and neither you nor your child will be treated differently if you are unable or choose not to contribute. **However, please note that without all such voluntary contributions, visits may have to be cancelled, as the school is not in a position to provide further financial support.**

