



HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Dear Year 6 Parents,

To further embed our fascinating work on the Victorians in History, we are delighted to be welcoming 'History off the Page' into school on **Monday 31st March**. The day will be led by a historical expert who will use a range of practical activities, drama and role-play to engage children in learning about the Victorian era.

The children will be transported back to 22nd June 1897 when the country was looking forward to Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

The aims of the day are to give the children a rounded picture of what life for children in the Victorian era would have been like. On the day, your child will experience school life as it would have been under the reign of Queen Victoria and explore the customs, beliefs and entertainments of the time.

Children are invited to come to school dressed as a Victorian school child, to help them feel more engaged with the day's activities. If they would prefer not to, they do not have to. The costume does not have to be fancy and can be made from existing items as needed. Of course, children may choose to dress as either gender.

Here are some ideas:



Girls' Costume

Dress: Either a long dress nipped in at the waist, or a long skirt and blouse.

Smock/Apron: Usually plain white.

A mob cap: A mob cap is very easy to make – you need a circle of white material about 30 cm diameter (depending on the size of the head). Neaten the edge and maybe add a little lace. About 5 cm from the edge stitch on a ring of bias binding, leaving a gap to thread through a length of elastic. Adjust to fit and stitch firmly or knot.

Shawl: This can complete the look. Any plain or simply decorated shawl will do.

Boys' Costume

Trousers/Socks: Either short trousers and long socks, or long trousers/track suit bottoms tucked into long socks.

Shirt: A collar-less shirt (cut the collar off an old one.)

Waistcoat: You could add a plain waistcoat, if you have one.

Cap: Something like a fisherman's cap or a newsboy cap will work.

Please do not come dressed as a specific person.



Taking into account the money raised from the recent cake sale and the profits from the Y6 French Café, the cost for the day will be £22 per pupil. Please make payments through SchoolMoney by Thursday, 20th March.

We will need some extra adult support on Monday 31st March, to help the day run smoothly. If you are able to offer your time please speak to Mrs Birley or send a message via the Office.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Mrs Birley
Great Oaks

There is no obligation to contribute and no one will be excluded because parents are either unwilling or unable to pay. However, if parents are reluctant to support this activity it may have to be cancelled.