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Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 5 VICTORIAN DAY AT THE WORKHOUSE, SOUTHWELL
WEDNESDAY 23rd & THURSDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

As part of our exciting Victorian topic, we have arranged for Year 5 to visit The Workhouse, Southwell on **Wednesday 24th and Thursday 24th September 2026.** During this interactive visit, they will find out about life in a Victorian Workhouse, attitudes to the poor and how welfare has developed through the years. They will gain a fascinating insight through a varied learning programme delivered in a unique and atmospheric setting. Pupils will travel back in time as they enter The Workhouse as Victorian paupers and will be immersed in a role-play experience set in the 1840s.

Due to a limit on the number of visitors the Workhouse can accommodate, the Year Group will be split over two days:

- Miss Farrand's class will attend the visit on Wednesday 23rd September
- Mr Willerton's class will attend the visit on Thursday 24th September

To help make our visit more authentic, and to enhance and bring to life the whole experience of life in the Victorian ages, we would like to encourage the children to dress in Victorian costume. Please do remember that the costume can be very simple such as trousers, long socks, a shirt and cap for boys and a long dark coloured dress or skirt and a pinny/shawl for the girls. We have included some suggested ideas at the end of this letter. It does not need to be a purchased costume. If you have any questions or would like any ideas for a costume, then please see your child's class teacher in September.

Children should arrive at school no later than **8.15 a.m**. as the coach will leave by 8:35 a.m. We aim to return to school for **3.45 p.m**. All children will need to bring with them a warm and waterproof coat, a packed lunch and plenty of drinks for this day.

If your child requires travel sickness medication, please ensure they take this before leaving home and any medication for the return journey is handed to the class teacher with a completed 'Request for school to administer medication' form.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £15.90 per child towards the cost of the visit. Payment should be made via ParentMail +Pay by **Monday 14th September**. Please do bear in mind that +Pay offers a part payment option which allows payment in instalments if needed.

As a school we cannot go ahead if we run the risk of making a loss and this visit will not therefore go ahead without sufficient support. When deciding whether or not to run such an event, consideration has been given to the increased pressure on family finances due to the current economic climate. Please do let us know if you require any additional support in this respect by emailing: BEP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk.

If you are able to assist in accompanying us on this visit, please speak to your child's class teacher.

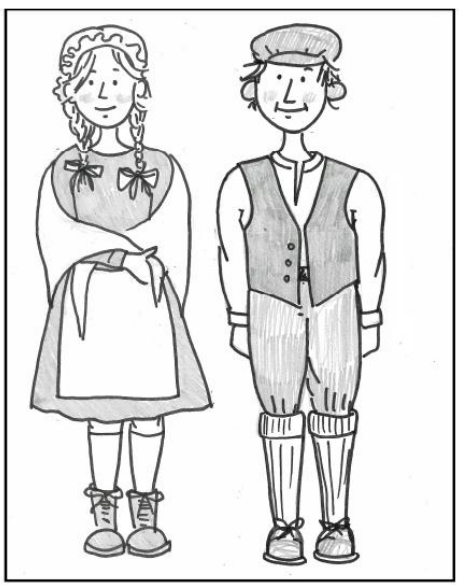
We are all looking forward to a great day.

Yours sincerely

The Year 5 Team

Girls

- Bonnet, scarf or straw hat
- Hair worn loose or in plaits
- Hair tied with ribbons
- Plain knee or calf length dress (or a skirt and top)
- Plain white apron
- Shawl or wide scarf drawn over head or shoulders
- Long socks or thick, plain tights
- Stout dark shoes or boots



Boys

- Flat cap
- Handkerchief or scarf tied at neck
- Old shirt with collar cut off or tucked inside
- Trousers tucked into long socks, grey/black 'school' shorts or cut down old school trousers
- Button up waistcoat
- Long socks
- Stout dark shoes or boots