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'Striving for Life in all its Fullness'

Wednesday 16th October 2024

Year 4 trip to Newstead Abbey for 'A Victorian Christmas'

Monday 25th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of the 'Culture for opportunity' that we offer at Archbishop Cranmer Academy, I have organised a trip to Newstead Abbey for Year 4 pupils on **Monday 25th November 2024**.

Our history topic for the beginning of spring term is all about what life was like in Victorian Britain. This trip will enable the children to experience the sights, sounds and activities of a traditional Victorian Christmas in the wonderful setting of Newstead Abbey.

The children will spend the day experiencing role play in many Victorian Christmas traditions such as preparing herb bags with Holt, playing parlour games with Mr Webb and watching an authentic magic lantern show. The day is set in the 1880's which allows for an exciting opportunity for Year 4 pupils (*and teachers*) to dress up as a Victorian school child and really bring this experience to life. Please feel free to allow your child to come in costume (**please see overview of what to wear**) or alternatively, they can wear their school uniform.

We will travel to Newstead Abbey by coach, leaving school **promptly after registration** and will return to school **before 3.30pm**. Please provide a packed lunch and a non-fizzy drink in a small rucksack / bag for your child. (**Please see overview for suggestions of a Victorian lunch**) If you are in receipt of Free School Meals and would like a packed lunch provided by school, please let the office know by Friday 15th November 2024.

The cost of the trip is **£21.00** per child, which includes the ticket price and transportation to and from Newstead Abbey. Payment can be made **via Parent Pay** which also acts as consent for your child to attend. Should payment for this trip be an issue, please contact Mrs Strutt in the school office as no child is ever precluded on the grounds of cost.

Kind regards,

Miss Murphy.



Victorian Costume

What to Wear for Victorian Newstead

All visitors should carry a handkerchief and dress warmly with plenty of layers of clothing. Being built of stone, Newstead Abbey is cold within at all seasons, particularly in winter. Shawls should be firmly tied in place. Children should not wear hats of any kind in the house. Mrs Webb is very particular that all visitors should have clean hands

Girls

Long sleeve, high necked blouses or dresses

Skirts calf or ankle length, covered with a pinafore

Tights and outdoor shoes

Shawls optional

Hair in plaits, bunches or ringlets, pinned up or simply neatly brushed

Boys

Thick, long sleeved shirt

Shorts to below knees (long trousers tucked into socks)

Long socks and outdoor shoes

Optional: braces, neckerchief, muffler (tied like a cravat), jacket, waistcoat

Hair neatly brushed



A Taste of the Past

Transform your packed lunch into Victorian snap

"There were no school dinners. I took bread and cheese and a bottle of cold tea"

This is an opportunity to gain a greater experience of the Victorian age: a time before supermarkets and fast food. So, in keeping with the right period there should be no crisps or modern sweets. The food should be brought wrapped either in a cloth, e.g. a tea towel, or brown paper bag but not in plastic sandwich boxes or carrier bags. Sandwiches can be wrapped in greaseproof paper and drinks should be in bottles with screw top.'

What to bring

Thick sliced cheese sandwich (please do not
grated cheese sandwiches)

Pickle

Cooked ham

Bread and jam

Fruit

Gingerbread biscuits

'Traditional' lemonade

Ginger beer

