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Dear Parents and Carers,

Victorian Day

As part of our topic **School Days** the children in Year 2 have been learning about Victorian schools. **On Wednesday 10th October** we are going to have a **Victorian day** where the children are going to experience what it was like to go to school in Victorian times.

To make the day as realistic and authentic as possible for the children we would like them to dress up as Victorian children (attached are some ideas).

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards,

The Year 2 team



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Victorian School Day

To help you plan your costumes for Victorian day have a look at the pictures below. If you don't have anything of your own then try to borrow something or have a look in the charity shops for ideas.



Boys

The Victorian schoolboy (not those in public schools) would have worn jackets and short trousers. On their feet they wore ankle boots, and those in short trousers wore long socks. The colours would have been dark. Their shirt had large, rounded, stiff collars and was often worn without a tie. Boys would wear a waistcoat or jumper under their jacket. Some boys wore a cap or even a bowler type hat, but these would not be worn indoors



Girls

A Victorian schoolgirl would have worn a white cotton apron, often trimmed with lace. These actually did up at the back, not the side, and they were put on over the normal clothes as a means of protection. The normal schoolgirl dress would be knee length and be of a dark cotton or woollen material, often black and would be worn with long black stockings. The shoes would be flat. Girls may have worn a bonnet, on special days, but often they just had their head uncovered, often wearing white ribbons in the hair.

For some more ideas please look at the following website:

http://www.victorianschool.co.uk/what_they_wore.html

