



## VALENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

### Victorian Day

As part of our topic '**What did the Victorians do for us?**', the children in Year 2 have been learning about Victorian schools. **On Thursday 10th October**, we will be having our **Victorian Day**. This is an opportunity for the children to experience what it was like to go to school during Victorian times.

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

We look forward to a wonderful day!  
Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards,  
**Year 2 Team**

### 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 make/borrow something or have a look in the charity shops for ideas. **Please do not feel the need to buy new costumes.**



#### **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



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For more ideas  
please look at the  
following website:

### **Girls**

A Victorian schoolgirl would have worn a white cotton apron, often trimmed with lace. These 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, wearing white ribbons in the hair.

[http://www.victorianschool.co.uk/what\\_they\\_wore.html](http://www.victorianschool.co.uk/what_they_wore.html)