

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 2 trip to Newstead Abbey, to experience Christmas as the Webb family would have done in the 1800's, is fast approaching. This will be a day of role play, where the children will get into character as the children of the estate workers. To support their creativity and to enhance their

experience it would be great if they could dress up as a Victorian School Child. Below is an information which details what children would have worn in the 19th Century

We can't wait to visit Newstead Abbey and engage in festive activities which also align with our current topic and will be an invaluable contribution to developing their understanding of this time period.

Thank you for your continued support the Year 2 Team

Victorian Costume

What to Wear for Victorian Newstead

The children of Newstead estate workers entering Newstead Abbey either in search of work within the house or as invited guests to an entertainment will dress in a simple manner. They will be respectable, clean and tidy as will all accompanying adults. 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

Men

Thick, long sleeved shirt

Long trousers

Heavy shoes

Optional: braces, waistcoat, jacket, neckerchief, stiff collar and tie, muffler (tied like a cravat)

Bowler hat or flat cap

Hair neatly brushed

Women

Long sleeve, high necked blouses or dresses.

Skirts and dresses full length

Optional: fitted jackets, hats, long white aprons, shawls

Hair pinned up or neatly brushed

