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**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

Dear parents and carers,

I write to provide more detail on school requests for specific dress at upcoming events linked to our school 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### Victorian School costume

To get the most from our planned learning experiences we request that all pupils engage in the Victorian school costume day planned for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

We do appreciate the effort and commitment that will be required for parents; and also that some pupils may be reluctant to wear alternative clothing. However, participation will deepen the immersion into the project and, in turn, significantly deepen the learning that takes place.

The intended learning for the event will be for pupils to gain knowledge of

- Typical curriculum content in the 1870s
- Playground games
- Victorian behavioural expectations
- School resources
- The importance of Christian religious teaching
- Attitudes toward gender roles in the 1870s
- The social context of Rusper during the 1870s - seasonal activity determined by farming

For reference, a useful website is [http://www.victorianschool.co.uk/shop/costumes\\_girl.php](http://www.victorianschool.co.uk/shop/costumes_girl.php) where there are images of costumes for girls and boys (on a separate tab).

The Victorian School history project is intended to last for a two week period starting 28<sup>th</sup> June. During this time the pupils will be introduced to the names of (and events associated with) specific pupils who attended Rusper school during the 1870s. To share our work with parents, we will be producing a simple performance entitled **'The Class of '72 - 1872'**

It is intended that this will be performed on the field in a marquis at the School Fete on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July. For all pupils who are attending the fete (and we hope it will be most), we are planning for them to perform in costume. Their costumes will need to be brought into school in a labelled bag between 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July. This will mean the pupils can wear their own clothes to the fete, but have access to the school for changing purposes. The fete itself starts at 11am on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>. On arrival, pupils will be asked to change ready for performance at approximately 11:15-11:20am. They can then change back in to their standard clothes after the performance if they wish to.

### Rusper Dance Club

As part of the fete on the 9<sup>th</sup> July, there will also be a performance by the Rusper dancers at approximately 1:30pm. Maxine, the dance teacher would like all involved to wear a simple costume of t-shirts and shorts.



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There will be a more specific letter re dance costume details in the next couple of days. Again, dance club pupils attending the fete will be able to change into these costumes ahead of the performance on the day. As with the Victorian costumes, it will be requested that the dance costumes are brought into school in a labelled bag between 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July.

Please do contact the school if you would like to discuss any of these items further.

With kind regards

Nick Avey, Headteacher, Rusper Primary School



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