



# Merry Hill Matters

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## History Week - Frequently asked Questions

### **1. On which days should the children wear their Victorian costumes?**

We would like the children to come into school on the Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (3rd-6th) wearing their Victorian costumes, but **NOT** on the Monday. This is because 'Little Urchins', the photographers, will be putting Victorian costumes over the top of the children's clothes so that they can take their photographs and it will be quicker and easier if the children are wearing school uniform.

### **2. Where can I get a pattern for a girl's smock?**

Please see Mrs Kamintzis in the school office.

### **3. I can't sew! Where can I buy a girl's smock?**

Mrs Kennedy has said that you can buy a mop cap and pinafore (size/age 5-8) at J and M Toys ([www.jandmtoys.co.uk](http://www.jandmtoys.co.uk)). It costs £9.95 + £2 postage and packaging and only took a week to arrive.

### **British Schools Museum**

Mrs Ellison has told us about the British Schools Museum in Hitchin. It shows elementary education in Britain from 1798. Buildings include the only surviving 'Lancastrian Schoolroom' (1837), where ONE master taught 330 boys, and the 'Galleried Classroom' (1853) for 110 boys. The Girls' and Infant School (1857) contains desks, teaching aids and children's work alongside changing exhibitions. Mr Fitch's Headmaster's House is restored and furnished to the late Victorian period. At the British Schools Museum there are also Victorian toys to play with and a Family Trail to try out old school methods.

Further details are available:

By telephoning 01462 420144

By email: [admin@hitchinbritishschools.org.uk](mailto:admin@hitchinbritishschools.org.uk)

Or by visiting the website:

[www.hitchinbritishschools.org.uk](http://www.hitchinbritishschools.org.uk)

### **Why do we have the Friends of Merry Hill (FOMH)?**

We are very fortunate at our school to have a Parent Teacher Association that is and has been such an integral part of the school community for many years. In its time the FOMH has raised many thousands of pounds, which have been spent on improving equipment and resources to enhance your children's education and the facilities in school in general.

But the FOMH is much, much more than just fundraising. The FOMH exists to provide closer links between home and school, and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school. And it's fun! Just ask any of the FOMH Committee or helpers. Obviously as in any organisation, there are times when it is more 'challenging', but with the continued support of parents and staff, the FOMH has always succeeded in its efforts.

### **Next FOMH Meeting**

The next FOMH meeting is at the school on Monday (26th January). You don't have to be on the Committee to come along - the meeting is open to all.

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