

# Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse

## Schools newsletter 2014 curriculum update



Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse delivers a wide range of school day events to support the new national curriculum.

- Our Victorian and World War Two events offer an engaging and inspirational insight into important areas of study.
- We are developing exciting new schools events and resources to complement the new curriculum.

## Business as usual



### KS2 Victorians: Local Study at Gressenhall

Bring your **local study** to life at Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse.

Focus your **'theme of social history'** on attitudes to poverty and the poor through a study of the workhouse and interaction with costumed characters.

Help your children appreciate **trends over time** and highlight **connections between local and national history**. Introduce your children to **key sources of evidence** about the past.

### KS2 Evacuees: A turning point in British history

Our Evacuee event is set at the height of the Battle of Britain, a **theme for studying British social history**.

Costumed characters give children an understanding of the Home Front and the **local impact of national events**. Children find out how Total War affected everyone and are able to make clear contrasts with their own world.



### KS2 English: develop your literacy skills

- Our engaging and accessible day events promote **listening, speaking and questioning skills**.
- Active participation in our dramatic story lines encourages **speculation and hypothesising**.
- An immersive experience which offers a vast amount of material to promote effective writing: **subject-specific language, atmospheric settings and developed characters**.
- Every KS2 event introduces you to a range of costumed actors who illustrate the differences between **standard and non-standard English**.

# New for 2014

## KS1 History: Life in the 1950s.

Find out about *life within living memory* as we prepare for our Coronation party. Help with the cooking in Cherry Tree Cottage and make sure that everything is spick and span. Buy ingredients from the Village Shop, play with 1950s toys and visit our 1950s room to see how life has changed.

This hands-on day helps children to **identify similarities and differences between today and the past**. Our experienced educators encourage your children to ask and answer questions and introduce a wide range of historical vocabulary.



## KS2 History: Neolithic Britain

Hunter Gatherer or First Farmer? Explore life 4000 years ago using our fantastic Neolithic collections and wonderful site. Hunt for animals in the woods, get to grips with Neolithic tools, plough the field with the ard plough and make your own clay beaker.

Help your children to understand this **important new area of the curriculum**. Can you survive our Neolithic challenge?



## KS2 History: World War One

See World War One through a child's eyes in this sensitive and accessible day event. Meet his friends and family and find out how the war affects them: soldier, nurse, farmer and schoolmaster.

An active day to help your children understand the **local impact of national events** and investigate different attitudes to the war. The day ends with a morale-boosting film and magic lantern show, as the villagers raise money for the troops on the front line.

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