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Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse Schools event programme 2014-15

Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to enclose our 2014-15 award-winning schools event programme for Reception, KS1 and KS2.

New for 2014: We are launching a **KS2 Neolithic** day and **KS2 First World War** day in the autumn term.

Promotional films: We have made two short films for Foundation and KS1 and KS2 to highlight how Gressenhall's learning offer fits into the new curriculum (admittedly in a somewhat light-hearted way). They can be viewed at www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/gressenhall

I would also like to bring to your attention a limited number of **£100 travel bursaries** which your school may qualify for.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Pitman'.



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Please note: do contact us if you would like to book a day event on another day. We will do our best to accommodate you.

KS1/Reception

Once Upon A Time

Who has hidden the precious objects from the Museum of Fairytales? Can you help the curator find them all? Meet the Wicked Witch and make potions in the woods. Quest with Jack to the Giant's castle and help poor Cinderella keep her cottage clean. An active day promoting communication and literacy skills.

2015: June 30

July 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10

£3.50 per child

Homes Long Ago

Discover what it was like to live in Norfolk one hundred years ago with our costumed characters. The Vicar is coming to tea. Can you help to make everything spick and span? Lend a hand with the cooking and make the tea in Cherry Tree Cottage, scrub and mangle your way through old-fashioned washing in the Washhouse and find out about life in the Farmhouse through an active object handling session.

2014: October 7, 8, 9

2015: March 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12

May 12, 13, 14

June 9, 10, 11

£3.50 per child

Life within living memory: 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.

2014: October 7, 8, 9

2015: March 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12

May 12, 13, 14

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£3.50 per child



Spring on the Farm

Experience Victorian life on the farm. Meet the shepherd, hear about his busy Spring and the lambs he looks after. Help the farmer's wife with the spring cleaning and get the washing done in the washhouse. There's also time to see the baby animals on the farm.

2015: March 17, 18, 19, 20

£3.50 per child

The Three Little Pigs

Huff and puff your way through the story of the three little pigs. Make your own pig or wolf from woodland materials, explore the Brick House and have a go at keeping it clean and tidy. Find out where animals live on the farm and build your own home of sticks or straw to keep the pigs safe and warm.

2015: May 19, 20, 21
June 16, 17, 18

£3.50 per child

Three Billy Goats Gruff

Work together to explore the story of the Billy Goats Gruff through sound and movement. Build a trippety-trap bridge and create an ugly troll. Explore the natural surroundings of the farm and meet our very own goats!

2015: May 19, 20, 21
June 16, 17, 18

£3.50 per child

There are lots of different ways to visit Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse

1. Book for a special school event (see above)
2. Come on a teacher-led visit
3. Enhance your teacher-led visit with an additional activity or activities: object handling, Victorian cooking, old fashioned washing or food and farming
4. Work with us to develop a programme which fits your learning needs

For more information, enquiries and bookings

tel: 01362 869251

email: gressenhall.museum@norfolk.gov.uk

web: www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/Learning/Gressenhall_Learning

Your school may qualify for **help with travel costs**



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KS2

Victorian Activity Day

Can you solve the mystery of the stolen silver candlesticks? Meet our costumed characters and step back in time for a day of discovery. Work in the fields with the heavy horses, take a Victorian school lesson, find out what life was like in the workhouse and lend a hand in a Victorian kitchen and washhouse. To enter into the spirit of Victorian life we invite you to come in costume.

2014: September 16, 17, 18, 30 October 1, 2
November 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13
2015: April 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30
May 6, 7, 8 June 2, 3, 4, 23, 24, 25 £4.50 per child

Evacuees (Home Front Heroes)

Join our costumed characters and discover the Home Front during WWII. Meet a Women's Land Army girl and 'Dig for Victory' with the heavy horses. Take cover in the air raid shelter and let the ARP warden show you how to use a stirrup pump. 'Make do and Mend' with a worried housewife, find out about rationing in the Village Shop and help win the war with the Home Guard. To enter into the spirit of the Home Front, we invite you to come in costume.

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Victorian Christmas

Find out about Victorian Christmas for rich and poor. Join our costumed characters to make candy canes, decorations and toys for poor children. Perform a festive Victorian melodrama - but don't forget that there is still lots to be done in the workhouse. Who *is* the mystery benefactor who keeps leaving gifts? To enter into the spirit of a Victorian Christmas we invite you to come in costume.

2014: December 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 £4.50 per child



Victorian Whodunnit?

Find out about life in Victorian England through our dramatic Whodunnit. Meet rich and poor costumed characters, and engage in active learning sessions in our Victorian schoolroom, cottage kitchen, workhouse and laundry. Can you help discover who has committed the terrible crime? This day encourages communication skills and is perfect as the basis for literacy work. To enter into the spirit of Victorian life we invite you to come in costume.

2014: November 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27

2015: February 10, 11, 12, 24, 25, 26

£4.50 per child

Neolithic Britain

Hunter Gatherer or First Farmer? Explore life 5000 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?

2014: September 23, 24, 25
October 14, 15, 16

2015: March 24, 25, 26

£4.50 per child

World War One: Annie's War

An active day to help your children understand the local impact of national events and investigate different attitudes to the war. See World War One through a child's eyes in this sensitive and accessible day event. Meet her friends and family: soldier, nurse, land girl and schoolmaster and find out how the War affects them. 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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