

## A visit to Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse

On December 13<sup>th</sup> 2022, the Year 5 and Year 6 pupils visited Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse for a Victorian Day. We were all in Victorian outfits and everyone looked fabulous, as we all excitedly waited in the hall for the coach to arrive. The coach journey took just over 90 minutes but it went much faster than we had imagined.

When we arrived, we were welcomed by some Victorian cooks as well the Headteacher, Mr Scraggs. (They were all brilliant actors). We were initially taken to a very cold room where we were asked to store our lunch, before getting the opportunity to warm up in the Chapel. In the Chapel we were introduced to Lady Hermione.



Lady Hermione shared stories about the workhouse and told us about a Christmas party that was going to take place for the new chairman but how Mr Scraggs had said that Christmas was going to be cancelled, if the person behind hiding oranges around the workhouse wasn't found. We were left wondering, who this could be?

We were then invited to take part in a number of Victorian activities, including setting tables for the lazy board of Governors, making candy canes and sorting out laundry. There were lots of wonderful activities but a particular favourite was making our own peg dolls; we even got to take these home.

Being able to live as a Victorian for the day made learning so much fun and we even saved Christmas by helping Mr Scragg work out who was hiding the oranges!

All of the Year 5 and Year 6 children and staff would like to say a big 'THANK YOU' to the Parish Council for subsidising this trip. Without your support, we would not have had this experience.



Best wishes,

Year 5 and Year 6