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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 2 Visit to Valance House Museum – A Victorian Christmas

In order to support the History curriculum our Year 2 children will be visiting Valance House Museum on the following dates:

Foxes & Owls – Tuesday 25th November
Snakes & Squirrels – Wednesday 26th November

Valance House is a beautiful old historic manor house and museum located in Becontree. There's lots to see and do there and much of it is focussed on the history of Barking and Dagenham. The children will spend the day learning about how Christmas was celebrated in Victorian times and discover how the Victorians influenced modern day Christmas traditions.



The visit will take place during school hours and we'll be back by bedtime.

We will be travelling by public transport and your child will need to wear their school uniform. A choice of packed lunches for all children will be provided by school on this day and so children will not need to bring anything extra into school with them. Please also note that children will not need any spending money.

Visit Contribution

We kindly ask you to contribute **£6.50 per child** towards the cost of this visit, which we ask you to pay via ParentMail as soon as possible.

If you have difficulty in making this contribution, then it is important that you speak to Donna Bonifacio or Kelly Ager as soon as possible. Unfortunately, if we don't receive sufficient payments we may well have to either cancel your child's



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visit, the whole visit (less our deposit) or future planned for visits through lack of funds – which obviously, we want to avoid.

Consent Form

Please also note that, in order for your child to come on this visit, you need to complete the consent form on ParentMail and return it to us no later than **7th November 2025**. Without your consent we cannot take your child on this visit.

Parent Helpers

We may need some parents to come along and help us with these visits. Please remember that on this visit, as with all others in school, parental helpers lead and supervise a small group of children, which does *not* include their own child. The role is essentially to support learning and to engage the children in conversation and a variety of activities that you will be briefed about beforehand. If that sounds like you, then please let your Class Teacher know as soon as possible.

Please also note that, if you come along to help on this visit, you will need to pay for your own travel and so you'll need an Oyster card or a pre-paid card that you can tap in and out of the bus / tube stations with.

As mentioned above, please make your payment and complete the visit consent form for this visit on ParentMail no later than Friday 7th November – earlier if you can. All relevant forms / payment items are now available on ParentMail.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Jordan
Headteacher

