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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are really pleased to have booked our Florence Nightingale Day with 'History Off The Page' for Thursday 8th October 2026. This will complement our work in history. We are sure it will be an enjoyable day for all of the children as they step back in time and engage in an array of activities to deepen their understanding around the life and work of this significant figure in history. The visit will take place all day in our school hall.

We will require parent helpers for the day so if you are able to help, please email us directly specifying whether you can help in the morning session (9-11.30am) or the afternoon session (1.30-3pm).

We will be grateful for a voluntary contribution of £16.24 to cover the costs of this workshop.

All children will be able to take part in the session, regardless of whether parents have been able to make a contribution. However, if we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, the event will have to be cancelled since we could not cover the cost from the school funds.

To help enhance the atmosphere of the day children are invited to dress up in traditional costume. Suggested outfits and ideas are attached to this letter.

Best wishes,

Mrs Azam and Miss Tolmie

Year 2 Teachers

Get ready to meet Florence Nightingale with History Off the Page!

Very soon History Off the Page will visit your school for a Florence Nightingale Day. To help you feel like a resident of 1854, we recommend creating a simple costume to help you feel the part. Costumes do not have to be fancy – you can do a lot with clothes you already have! Here are some ideas:



Girls' Costume

Dress: Either a long dress nipped in at the waist, or a long skirt and blouse.

Smock/Apron: Preferably plain white.

A mob cap: A mob cap is very easy to make – you need a circle of white material about 30 cm diameter (depending on the size of the head). Neaten the edge and maybe add a little lace. About 5 cm from the edge stitch on a ring of bias binding, leaving a gap to thread through a length of elastic. Adjust to fit and stitch firmly or knot.

Shawl: This can complete the look. Any plain or simply decorated shawl will do.

Boys' Costume

Trousers/Socks: Either short trousers and long socks, or long trousers/track suit bottoms tucked into long socks.

Shirt: A collar-less shirt (cut the collar off an old one.)

Waistcoat: You could add a plain waistcoat, if you have one.

Cap: Something like a fisherman's cap or a newsboy cap will work.

Please do not come dressed as a specific person.

