

## Situations Vacant

### 1897 Victorian Servants Role Play

Preston Manor, 2 hours, £5.00 per child KS2



It's 1897 and House-Keeper Mrs Storey is recruiting new servants. Complete your letter of application in school, and then come to the Manor as her staff put you to task in the house with daily duties. Listen to their stories about life and homes in the past in Brighton. Will you get the job?

- Please ensure suitable adult supervision, at least four adults per group.
- Please let us know of any SEND needs of your class before your visit.

#### *Essential ingredients for each half day session (no baking takes place at the Manor)*

- 2 whole nutmegs
- 250g raisins
- 6 small dessert apples (stickers removed)
- 2 oranges
- 2 lemons
- 500g pre made short crust pastry
- 250g jam
- 2 tbsp butter for greasing
- 2 x 12 section jam tart tin
- 2 x large sheets grease proof paper 2.5 times size of tin
- 12 paper clips
- 1 litre full cream milk (not skimmed, UHT etc)
- ½ carton of bicarbonate soda
- Containers of suitable size and shape to return unused ingredients if any

Please Turn Over

## **Costume**

**Boys' costume** – flat cap, waistcoat or jacket, collarless shirt, trousers tucked into long socks or shorts, black boots or shoes.

**Girls' costume** - plain long-sleeved top, white apron, plain dark skirt, lace-up shoes or boots.

## **Preparation for the day**

Please prepare the children in advance for their trip back in time. They will be treated as Victorian children from the moment they enter the house.

The children are invited to prepare for the day by writing letters of application in the voice of their Victorian child character for the position of footman, oddman, housemaid or kitchen maid to Mrs Storey. The letters can be handed to Mrs Storey upon arrival.

**Footman** - responsible for answering the door, laying the table and cleaning the silver.

**Kitchenmaid** – assists Cook to prepare meat and vegetables, cleans the range and scrubs tables.

**Fourth Maid** - responsible for cleaning family and servants' rooms, laying fires and making beds.

**Oddman** – chops wood, brings in coal, does odd jobs, and serves the servants' dinner.

## **Aims of the Session**

- To enjoy your time with us
- To bring the past to life
- To take part in some of the daily tasks of the servants of the Manor
- To find out more about how people lived and worked in the past

## **Curriculum Links**

KS1 & 2 - Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality

KS2 - A local history study, a significant turning point in British history

KS3 - Challenges for Britain, Europe and the wider world from 1901 to the present. A local study.