Dear Parents/Guardians,

In the New Year we will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of Lytchett Matravers Primary School. This is an exciting event in the history of LMPS, that we are keen to mark with our children, staff and the wider community. The school was founded on January 8th 1874, on a site at the north-west end of the village, in Lime Kiln Road. Some of you may have memories of the previous school site or know family members who attended the school.

We would like to celebrate this event in a number of ways over the course of the week and each class will be learning about the history of our school. We have been in contact with the local history group in Lytchett Matravers and they have kindly offered to help us in celebrating. They will be providing memories of their time at the school, making visits to do workshops with the children and sharing school photographs from the past. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to talk to local people and gain an understanding of how the school has changed over time.

As part of the celebrations, we would like to invite all the children to join the staff in wearing Victorian style clothing on Monday 8th January 2024. This is entirely optional, and the children do not have to dress up if they do not want to. The day will have a Victorian theme and the children will be able to get a taste of what life at school would have been like 150 years ago. I have included an example of Victorian school children's clothing below.

We look forward to celebrating this historical event with our children and hope that it will be a day to remember. If you have any questions about this event or any memories or photographs to share with the school, please contact Mrs Stokes through the school office.
Many thanks for your support,
Mrs Stokes
History Lead