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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Divergent Drama has been booked to come to Colwich as part of a fun filled day to explore the Egyptians on **Tuesday 24th May**. Throughout the day pupils from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will get the opportunity to learn about the Egyptians through practical learning tasks that explore history, art and culture. Divergent Drama will allow our pupils to travel back in time to join Cleopatra and the citizens of Ancient Egypt. The children will discover where they lived, what they ate, where they worked and what they did for fun - from the back breaking building work slaves endured, to the luxury of Pharaoh life.

To enhance the children's experience of the day they may like to come to school dressed in costumes suitable for the time period. Ideas for costumes are on the back of the letter.

In order to help cover the cost of our Egyptian day, we would be very appreciative of a parental contribution of £4.00 per child to help towards the cost. This is payable by Tuesday 17th May.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Barratt, Miss Brazier and Miss Coxon

Key Stage 2 Team

Ideas for Egyptian Day Costumes

Egyptian Tunic

An Egyptian tunic, similar in style to the Roman toga, is easy to make. Drape a white sheet over each shoulder and cinch at the waist to make a basic tunic, and dress it up with sashes in colours like royal blue and red. White is the traditional colour choice, although those in the hierarchy of ancient Egyptian society wore gold or blue tunics.

Breast Plate

Many ancient Egyptians showed their wealth by wearing breast plates adorned with precious metals and stones. Cut a wide piece of yellow felt into a moon shape that can be draped across your upper chest. Decorate the felt with plastic jewels or colourful pieces of fabric cut in the shape of jewels, Attach the breast plate to your tunic with fabric glue.

Cleopatra Wig

Cleopatra was one of Egypt's most famous rulers, and she was known for her thick black wigs. You can make your own with a basic skull cap, found at most beauty supply stores, adorned with long strings of black yarn. Attach the yarn so the wig is thick, and then decorate the wig with gold pieces, feathers and beads.

Jewellery

No high class Egyptian would be seen without heavy jewellery, so make some pieces to augment your costume. Add a large circle of gold paper or cloth to regular earrings to make medallion earrings decorated with scarlet or purple paints. Use thick straps of gold craft paper to make three or four wrist bands and tape them in a loop around your wrists for some chunky bracelets.

Make-up

Both men and women wore heavy make-up in ancient Egypt, and the style was characterised by dramatic eye make-up. Coat your lids in blue eyeshadow and then draw a line of black eyeliner around your entire eye, bringing the line to a sharp point at the outer corner to make an almond shape.

