

# Schools Alive!

The performance is learnt, costumes are prepared and the children are ready.

I just want to take this opportunity to share some key information related to Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February for both the rehearsal and the performance.

## Rehearsal

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February, please send your child to school in their complete games kit and a coat.

Children will be taken to Blackpool Grand Theatre on Monday afternoon for their rehearsal. We aim to leave at 1:20pm and be back at school by 3pm. A sufficient number of staff will be supervising the children for the duration of the trip.

## Performance Night

Due to some schools dropping out of the performance, the interval is estimated to be at 7:45pm, earliest. Children confirmed for being collected during the interval will be accompanied by Mrs Satterthwaite and other staff back to Starbucks Coffee shop for handover.

On the night:

- Staff, including Mrs Satterthwaite, will be outside the Starbucks Coffee House (Victoria Street) **from 6:10pm**. Upon arrival, your child will be registered and you will be free to leave them in our care.
- We will make our way towards the theatre doors at **6:20pm**, where we will await instruction for entering the building. At this time, I would ask that anyone staying to watch the performance make their way to the main entrances to avoid congestion.
- Children should wear warm clothing on the night and clean trainers (preferably black). Children should also wear P.E shorts (or similar) and a t-shirt / vest to wear under their costumes. Children will be changing into their costumes at the theatre.
- Children can bring a sensible snack and drink for after the performance in a small bag. This will be your child's responsibility to take care of the items you provide them. Please do not send in nuts for allergy reasons.
- When the performance is over, the remaining children will be escorted by staff back to the Starbucks Coffee shop where you dropped off your child. Please do not gather near the theatre as it can become very busy in this area. Children will be 'signed out' when collected.
- Face covering are optional for children, and do not need to be worn whilst seated or on stage. School staff supervising the children have been asked to wear them whilst moving around the building.

Reminders:

- The performance is being recorded by a professional photographer. To avoid safeguarding issues, please do not take photos of your child during the performance. We have been asked to remind parents / carers to refrain from taking photographs and recordings of the show.
- DVDs can be ordered on the night or via the Blackpool Music Service. Should we receive a digital recording of our performance, we will share this via the schools website.

The organisers of Schools Alive have taken appropriate steps to reduce schools crossing paths and to minimise the risk of contracting Covid-19. Our school have been allocated its own waiting area within The Grand Theatre and we will be provided with instruction for moving around the building before and after our performance. Prior to the performance, please could you conduct a Lateral Flow Test on your child. Should a child test positive following the show, we will need to inform the organisers of a positive case.

Finally, the children have worked amazingly hard, showing resilience, enthusiasm, and patience. I cannot express how proud I am of this year's production and how much I am looking forward to seeing the children perform their final piece.

Regards,

Mr. Hopkinson.