



Dear Parents

Today we have had our last production meeting with the Royal Shakespeare Company before our joint schools performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Alhambra on the 11th March and we are now able to issue parents with the final details regarding the running of the event.

Before we do this though, we wanted to pass on how well they are doing, it has been a pleasure to see them tackle Shakespeare's poetry and prose and we cannot wait to see their final performance. It is going to be an amazing event!

Below are the final details for the event. They are detailed, however, we wanted to ensure that you were fully informed, plus the students can see what is in store, if you can, please do take the time to talk this through with them.

How parents can help

Any support you can give your child with a good night's sleep and a big breakfast, alongside overall encouragement would be excellent, as Friday will be a very big day for us all! Please discuss with them who will be collecting them after the performance and that they should stay with their class and their teachers at all times. We really hope you can support the hard work the staff & students have put in, so therefore do invite family and friends to this amazing event!

THURSDAY 10TH MARCH

Travel Arrangements

On Thursday 10th March the children should be dropped off at school in full school uniform at normal time. The school will transport the child to the Alhambra and we aim to be back in school for normal collection at 3pm. We will let the school office know when we are on our way and a text will be sent out to confirm our arrival time back in school just in case we are delayed, so please check your phones. We do not envisage being late back to school but please be reassured that if your child is booked into JSC after school club we will ensure they are safely taken there upon our arrival back at school.

Lunch Arrangements

The children will have an early lunch on this day. There is no need to change from your normal lunch routine.

Alhambra Rehearsal Schedule

9am – 10am – BGS rehearse on main stage

10.15 – 11.30 – Eldwick to rehearse on main stage

11.30 – 12.45 – Crossflatts to rehearse on main stage

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12.45 – 1.45 – Harden to rehearse on main stage

1.45 – 2.45 – Buttershaw to rehearse on main stage

FRIDAY 11TH MARCH

Travel

On Friday 11th March students need to **arrive at school, promptly at 8.30am**. Your child should come into school via the playground and the Year 4 classroom door (and swiftly hand them over to us). Your child will need 2 substantial packed lunches, water/cartons of juice and snacks to keep them going through the **LONG** day.

We will travel by mini bus to the Alhambra for a prompt 9.30am start.

They will then be staying at the theatre all day until after the evening performance.

They will need to be picked up from the stage door at 8.30pm – 8.45pm – and will not be released without the presence of their named adult ticked off a list held by Mrs Dickerson only.

If your child is coming home with another parent/carer please email me your permission with the adults details.

Rehearsal/Performance

9am/9.30am – BGS/Buttershaw/Harden to arrive.

9.30am – Crossflatts to arrive.

10am – Eldwick to arrive.

Each school will go straight to their changing area and drop off bags etc before assembling in the main auditorium.

10.15am – 12 - Run through – This will be the first time the performance will have been put together, also in this time anyone that needs make up will have theirs created.

12 – 12.30pm – Lunch – As above, we ask that all students bring a packed lunch.

12.30pm – 12.45pm – Final preparations.

1pm – 2.30pm - Performance to an audience.

2.30pm – 3pm – Break and refreshments.

3pm – 4.30pm – Run through of any notes from the first performance.

4.30pm – 5.45pm – **Tea – As above, we ask that all students bring a packed tea.**

5.45pm – 6pm – Rest time at the theatre.

6pm – 6.15pm – Costume and make up checks.

6.15pm – 6.45pm – Warm Up

6.45pm – Starting positions.

7pm – 8.30pm – Performance.

8.30pm – 8.45pm – **Pick up from designated area (BGS/Buttershaw/Harden – Stage Door and Crossflatts and Eldwick main entrance, please do not stand in the bar area)**

Tickets

Tickets are available for the performances. When requesting tickets please can you make it clear whether it is the afternoon matinee (1pm) or evening performance (7pm) that you would like. Tickets can be ordered via an email to either Mrs Dickerson (details below) or the class email account, by telephone to the school office or in person. Please remember to include your name and amount of tickets needed. There is no charge for the performance.

The **deadline for tickets is 4pm Monday 29th February**. We are sorry for the short deadline, but we have only had confirmation ourselves today. After this time it will not be possible for the school to request any further tickets.

Remember to invite family and friends to this amazing event!

Costume

We ask that all students wear a base of black (black trousers/leggings/**socks**/tee shirt or shirt) no logos please. They must also bring a warm hoody or Cardigan as there will be a lot of waiting about during the long performance day. Extra pieces of costume will be added by school to symbolise their character.

We ask that on Thursday students wear normal school uniform, however, on the Friday they come already changed to school in their blacks.

Make - Up and Hair

Students will have make-up applied during the Friday rehearsal – if anyone is allergic to stage make up please do bring your own in a labelled plastic bag. In terms of hair we ask unless asked for a specific 'look' this be tied back to ensure it does not cover the face.

Overall

Finally I would like to thank you for your support in what will be an amazing few days for the students. May I also remind you that the RSC and Harden Staff will be selecting some students to represent Bradford in July in a national schools performance in Stratford-upon-Avon, therefore any help you can give them in these final weeks to stand out as both a supporting actor or a lead part would be greatly appreciated.

Any further questions please email me on emma.dickerson@harden.bradford.sch.uk

Best Wishes

Emma Dickerson

Harden Primary School

Parents to do list:-

- **Sign up for tickets before the deadline 4pm Monday 29th February. No charge, up to 10 per family.**
- **Email me if you have anyone other than the main parent/carers picking up from the Alhambra 8.45/9pm Friday 11th March with their name and your permission.**