

KSTD February News – March 2018 Show

Maybe get yourselves a drink and take a few minutes to have a read of this! We apologise for the length of this communication. Please ask questions if you are unsure or need any clarification.

Thank you for your prompt payments for Block 3. Please see below 'dates for your diary' regarding Block 4 payments.

Disney half term workshop – Wednesday 21 February

Half term is approaching and we have a fun Disney based workshop day planned (including singing, dancing, acting and crafts). It is suitable for ages 5 plus and is at Webster Hall on Wednesday 21 February from 9.30am till 4pm. Cost £27.00 To book a place for your child please complete a booking form and payment can be made via bank transfer or cash/cheque. Booking forms on our website or ask your teacher.

Feergus the Musical – November 2018 – South Wolds Academy

This is a musical written by a local man, Brian Lund, which is being performed in November 2018. Some KSTD dancers will be in the chorus. However, if you think you can look like a student aged 18 plus and wish to audition for a main part (acting, singing) these are being held on Sunday 18 February at the Tennis Club from 10am-1pm. Please contact Brian for more information: brian.lund.keyworth@gmail.com

Show Preparations

We have well and truly got stuck into the new term now with show preparations well underway. We would like to thank you all for your support with purchasing costumes and getting your children to classes/rehearsals. We spend a lot of time sourcing costumes at the best prices and in some cases we have had to subsidise where we feel costs have gone above what we deem is reasonable.

We would however like to ask for more help with ticket sales for the show. Initially these were very good but have slowed down considerably and there are still over 150 tickets across the 2 performances available. This represents a lot of money that the charity will not benefit from if we do not sell these. The theatre costs and other expenses involved with a production such as this are huge (even though the production team, teachers and helpers give up their time voluntarily for this production) and we must sell more tickets to finance it all and to be able to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Please tell friends, neighbours, family and teachers and ask them to support the charity. It is not just a dance display. This is a high standard amateur production which everyone is working so hard on to achieve results. **PLEASE HELP!**

Chaperones 17/18 March

Thank you for volunteering your help (we could not put the show on without you). Please can you give a copy of your DBS to Kirsty/Ann before half term and make sure your name appears on the correct list on the notice board at Webster Hall for Saturday/Sunday. Saturday chaperones will be required all day for the rehearsal as well as the evening performance. Sunday Chaperones are welcome to shadow at the rehearsal on Saturday. Only DBS checked volunteers who have been assigned the chaperone role will be permitted in the dressing rooms and backstage at the theatre. The only exception is the Tots ballet (Teddy Bears) female carer who will be permitted to stay with the child for the duration. All school aged children will be assigned to a KSTD chaperone.

Dress rehearsal – Wednesday 28 February – Keyworth Primary School - £4 (will be added to the Block 4 bills)

Sign in from 3.45pm – 4.15pm. Starts promptly at 4.30pm.

Finale is rehearsed first: 4.30pm – 5pm (costume colour scheme is red, white, gold)

First half: 5pm to 6.30/6.45pm

Second half: 6.45pm to 8.15/8.30pm.

We shall rehearse the finale first and then proceed in order of the show (attached). This means those in the Opening Number and Strange Things (Tots/Prep Ballet) will not have time to change so please wear these

costumes for the finale at the dress rehearsal. However, please do remember to pack for the show what you will be wearing for the finale at the real thing!

Make up is optional for this dress rehearsal. However, hair styles must be as the costume list requirements though as this will effect headdresses etc (costume lists to be distributed shortly). Finale costumes including footwear in gold, white and red - any combination of these colours. These are to be sourced by yourselves. Please use a costume from the show or a previous show or anything else you may already have in these colours. Pupils in Devils and Angels and Dark disciples must wear those costumes for the finale. There will be no space or time to change!

At the sign in desk, there will be **no** opportunity to purchase tights, costumes or accessories. These must all have been purchased in advance. We have to get 180 performers plus parents through the door as quickly and as safely as possible.

At this dress rehearsal children of school Year 6 and under **MUST** have a female parent/carer with them for the duration of the rehearsal who will be responsible for ensuring their child is changed and ready for each dance. Older children should have sufficient help with our DBS checked teaching staff and teaching assistants. Parents should not assist with helping to dress and undress other people's children unless they are one of the show chaperones and have completed the necessary checks or have permission from the child's parents. Following safeguarding guidelines we are unable to have any male parents/carers in the changing areas. They will only be allowed in the foyer or main hall at the school. We have a male chaperone who will be in the male dressing room at the rehearsal and at the theatre.

Show Weekend Approximate Timings: 17/18 March – Loughborough Town Hall

Saturday 17 March

12 noon – 4.45/5pm: full costume/make up rehearsal (no charge)

7pm – 9.30pm: performance

10.15am: chaperones to arrive. Sunday chaperones are welcome to the Saturday rehearsal to shadow and learn the ropes.

10.45am: staggered performer arrival – timings will be advised. Arrive in outdoor clothes with show make up and hair ready for first dance. All costumes in a costume carrier/suitcase (please ensure every item is named).

12 noon – 12.45pm: finale

12.45pm – 2.45pm: first half

2.45pm – 4.45pm: second half

1.15pm: tots/prep ballet will be finished rehearsing at 1.15pm and must go home for a rest

2.45pm: all pupils only in the first half must be collected at 2.45pm and taken away from the theatre for a rest

5pm: for pupils in both halves aged under 16 to be collected by designated adult for a rest away from the theatre for a rest between 5pm – 5.45pm (unless an arrangement has been made with the chaperone).

NB: pupils only in the second half to receive a separate communication about timings. Pupils aged between 16-18 years need written permission to leave the theatre unsupervised.

5.45pm – 6pm: arrive for evening performance

Sunday 18 March

12.15pm: chaperones to arrive

12.45pm: staggered performer arrival – timings will be advised. Arrive in outdoor clothes with show make up and hair ready for first dance.

2pm – 4.30pm: performance

More information regarding where to drop off/collect, signing in/out procedures and more exact timings will be issued nearer the time.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Any questions please text or call Kirsty 07914 578440.

Kirsty and Ann

Dates for your diary

Saturday 17th February – break up for half term **after** classes

Sunday 18 February – last date for Block 4 payment break requests

Wednesday 21st February 9.30-4pm – Disney based musical theatre workshop

Monday 26th February – back to classes

Wednesday 28th February – show dress rehearsal at Keyworth Primary School - no normal classes. Arrive 3.45pm – 4.15pm. Starts 4.30pm

Saturday 3 March – Block 4 fees due

Saturday 17th March – rehearsal at Loughborough Town Hall. 12 noon-4.45pm. Arrival staggered from 10.45am (chaperones at 10.15am). Show 7-9.30pm. Arrival from 5.45pm

Sunday 18th March. Show 2pm-4.30pm. Arrival staggered from 12.45pm (chaperones at 12.15pm)

Thursday 29th March – break up for Easter **after** classes

Wednesday 4th-6th April – Hairspray musical theatre workshop

Sunday 8th April – last date for Block 5 payment break requests

Monday 16th April – back to classes

Saturday 21st April – Block 5 fees due

Monday 7th May – no classes (Bank Holiday)

Friday 25th May – break up for half term **after** classes