



Headteacher: Michael Dillon B Ed (Hons) MA

Friday, 15 September 2023

Year 6 Shakespeare in Schools Production

Dear Parents/Carers

This term we will be involved in performing two plays in the Shakespeare Schools' Festival. We are delighted to announce the date of this year's performance: this will take place on **Thursday 9th November**. Timings and arrangements about the day itself will be given closer to the time.

South Hill Park's theatre scheduling has not allowed the performance to take place in the Autumn Term, as we had hoped. While this was disappointing to learn, we were very keen to ensure that the children still had the opportunity to perform on a professional stage. The closest venue taking part in the SSF is **The Exchange Theatre in Twickenham**. Therefore, this year the performances will be taking place there. Coaches will be organised by the school to transport children to and from the event.

We are very lucky to be able to enter two plays as all other primary schools are only performing one. This has enabled us to include all the children in Year 6. Obviously, we will be rehearsing hard and the children will start to get very excited and enthusiastic and are looking forward to the performance in a real theatre.

We are writing to ask for your support in a number of ways. Firstly, the language of Shakespeare is not always easy for the children to understand or to learn. We are working on this at school, but the children will need to do some work at home. Please encourage your child to learn their lines quickly and help by rehearsing with them.

Secondly, we would ask for your commitment to the actual performance. We will be performing on the evening of **Thursday 9th November at 7.00pm**. The children work really hard and it is a wonderful celebration of their work to perform as a whole group in front of a live audience. As this is part of the curriculum, we would ask that you **sign the form sent home with your child**, showing that you are willing for them to take part in the performance. Details of the timetable for the day of the performance will be available nearer the time. If anyone thinks there will be a problem, please come and see us.

Thirdly, we may need to ask you to provide bits of costume. These will be simple, but it would be very helpful if you could send these to school as soon as possible after being asked. We will provide details of these as soon as we can.

Tickets are now available to buy from The Exchange Theatre in Twickenham. You can buy them directly from the theatre. Their contact details are below:

Phone: 020 8240 2399

Website: <https://exchangetwickenham.co.uk/>

Ticket price: £9.95

Concessions: £8.50

Group (20+ tickets): £7.50

The overall evening promises to be a really good experience for the children, where they are able to show their work in a professional environment, working with theatre professionals. It will be one of those experiences that the children will always remember and we hope we can count on your support to make it as successful as possible. In previous years, the children have grown in confidence throughout this experience and it has become a core memory for them.

Please complete the online consent form at:

<https://forms.office.com/e/qZP7bU7iTp>

Thank you,
Miss Hodge and Mrs Kerslake