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### Year 6 Shakespeare in Schools Production

Dear Parent/Carer,

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 **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**. Timings and arrangements about the day itself will be given closer to the time.

We are also pleased to share that this year's performances will be taking place at South Hill Park.

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 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 complete the online consent form via the link below to confirm that you are willing for your child to take part in the performance.

<https://forms.office.com/e/1sG3Dyhfdm>

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.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hodge and Mrs Kerslake

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