



Wednesday, 23 October 2024

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Shakespeare Festival Performance**

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the day of performance is rapidly approaching and the excitement is building, we thought it would be a good idea to set out the itinerary for the day.

8.30	Arrive at school for registration
11.30	Children to have their lunchtime <b>Your child can order a hot dinner/ grab bag or bring in their own packed lunch.</b>
12.30	Children will walk to South Hill Park
1.30	Technical and Dress Rehearsals for both plays
5.00	Break and lunch after Tech Dress Rehearsal <b>Your child will need to bring in a packed lunch for their evening dinner.</b>
6.00	Cast Warm Up – Meet other casts and learn the running order.
6.45	Make Up and Prepare for Performance
7.00	Performance starts
9.30	Finish – please collect your child from <b>South Hill Park Theatre</b>

Children will not be required to bring any school bags that day.

- If your child is **not having a hot dinner/ grab bag at lunch time** then they will need **2 packed lunches**: one for lunch at school and a second to eat before the performance.
- If your child **is ordering a hot dinner/ grab bag at lunchtime** then they will need to bring **1 extra packed lunch** to eat before the performance.

Please put these in a plastic/paper bag that can be thrown away. There is no room for bags/lunch boxes at the theatre. We will have access to drinking water, so if you provide **named plastic water bottle** we can refill them.

As you can see this will be a very busy day and late evening. Mr Dillon has agreed that, on this occasion, the children do not have to be in school the next day until 10 am. Obviously if you have work commitments and you need to get your children in at the usual time, we will be here to receive them.



**Please note that the children will need to be in school as normal by 8.30 for registration on the 14<sup>th</sup> November.**

Please contact South Hill Park directly to order your tickets.

**Box office phone number: 01344 484 123.**

**Website: <https://www.southhillpark.org.uk/shp-events/shakespeare-schools-festival>**

We are aware that this year, tickets have sold much quicker than in previous years and we appreciate that not everyone may have been able to secure a ticket. We have been in contact with SSF (the organisers of the festival) to share our upset about this. They have acknowledged this and expressed their understanding at parents' understandable disappointment.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hodge and Mrs Kerslake

