



Theatre Company **Comes To Birches!**

Dear Year 2/3/4 Parents

I am delighted to inform you that as part of our after school offer ***Theatre Company*** will be starting again on Wednesday 26th February 2020 from 3.15pm-4.45pm.

The club will be run by Mrs Carey, a trained Dance and Performing Arts teacher who has a long background in the teaching of the performing arts. It will run weekly throughout the remaining Spring term and the Summer term.

Children will work towards a performance (show to be confirmed based on interest level) in a venue (we hope) with proper stage and lighting (venue to be confirmed). The final performance will take place towards the end of the Summer term with ticket sales generating funds for the school. More details of this will follow.

Some of you may remember (or have taken part in), last year's Theatre Company performance of Annie at Codsall High School. The children wowed families and friends with their wonderful performance.

Children would be expected to commit to the club for a set period where they will learn all aspects of performance, including dancing, acting and singing, as well as elements of production such as stage management and sound. The sessions will have something to interest everyone.

We actively welcome both boys and girls to get involved and children should not feel that they have to be particularly gifted in the areas of acting, dancing and singing. However, a willingness to have a go and commitment to learning lines etc outside of rehearsals will be paramount.

Parts will be allocated through a weekly, non-stressful workshop session led by Mrs Carey where children are observed and monitored. Of course not every child can take the lead role but we aim to cast as fairly as possible enabling all children to have their time to shine.

Please note: no refunds will be given if your child does not get a lead role. We believe every role is important to enable a fully rounded and entertaining show.

Sessions will cost £5 for the one and a half hour rehearsal and parents would be asked at this stage to pay £40.00 for the first 8 sessions, with a further payment of £40 later on in the term (in May) for the remaining 8 sessions. As part of the £5 session fee, children will access online music to rehearse songs at home, as well as an informative script which they can keep.

There will be a limit to the number of children who can take part in this activity, should there be more applications than spaces, we will pick names out of the hat. However we would hope that all who are interested are able to take part.

At this stage, to ensure there is enough interest to make the sessions viable, we would just ask parents to register their child's interest via Parent Pay by selecting the Theatre Company option on your account and completing the requested information. (No charge at this stage). Once a space is confirmed via school text, we will add the payment to your account.

Should your child be allocated a place, they will need to bring comfortable clothes and flat shoes (trainers/pumps etc) to the sessions as well as a drink and a snack. Children will be collected at 4.45pm at the end of the sessions from the main school door.

Please note a prerequisite for your child's attendance at the club is an ability to follow instructions, a willingness to rehearse at home as well as in school and good behaviour.

If you would like any more information about the sessions, please contact Mrs Carey directly at the following email address: flipsmash@hotmail.com

All registrations of interest must be returned to school no later than Wednesday 12th February. Rehearsals commence Wednesday 26th February.

Best wishes

Mrs J Ferretti
Acting Headteacher

Session dates –

Block 1-

Wednesday February 25th, March 4th, 18th, 25th, April 1st, 22nd, 29th, May 6th.

Please note – no session on Wednesday 11th March due to Kingswood residential.

Block 2 –

Wednesday May 13th, 20th, June 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, July 1st, 8th.

Please note – Year 4 children will be at CMS/BMS for their transition day on June 24th and July 1st so arrangements will need to be made to return them to school for the session.