



14th September 2018

Dear Parents

Senior Production

Congratulations! Your child has successfully gained a part in the cast of this year's senior production of 'Beauty and the Beast', which will take place during the week commencing 18th March 2019.

Auditions were very pleasing and the level of talent was highly impressive. We have yet to cast the show, but will hopefully make our decisions early next week in order to release the cast list as soon as possible. Everyone who auditioned will be given a role and although there *are* some lead parts, this show has been chosen largely because it has scope for most children to be on stage for most of the performance, so everyone will get plenty of exposure!

Full cast rehearsals began this Thursday and will continue to run on Thursday evenings from 4.00pm – 5.15pm. Please note that this time may be extended to 5.30pm as we approach the production, should we require a little more time. If this is the case, we will inform you in due time. All of the children must attend these sessions, as it is very important for them to gain an understanding of the show as a whole, and learn all of the songs, in order to give their best performance. We will also be adding some rehearsals on Tuesdays after school in the weeks leading up to the performances and these are likely to begin in early February. Further information will be provided after Christmas.

We will also be calling at least one weekend rehearsal closer to the production. These will be scheduled once we have spoken to the stage and costume designers and, again, we will send you details of these after Christmas.

Children will be required to show full dedication to the production in order to give themselves and their peers the best opportunity to produce a performance of the highest standard. Therefore, they will be bringing home a contract, which clearly lays out the requirements of the production. We would appreciate if you would read and counter-sign it, in order to show your support of your child's efforts.

Finally, may we also request that children be picked up after Thursday evening rehearsals **outside the Read Hall at 5.15pm**, rather than from the carpark, main drive or elsewhere. As the nights draw in, we are not comfortable sending children off alone and will therefore not be able to release them until we have seen a familiar face! If you would like your child to walk or cycle home from rehearsals, please notify Mrs Beasley by email kbeasley@townclose.com.

Many thanks for your continued support and congratulations again to the children!

Mrs K Beasley

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