



1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents

Rehearsals for 'Beauty and the Beast' are going well and the show is beginning to take shape. Parts of the stage were built over the half term break and we are looking forward to being able to use them as we practise our scenes. I am now writing to you to confirm the arrangements for our weekend rehearsals, costumes and performance evenings.

The first rehearsal will be on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March and will be a full dress rehearsal, running from 2pm – 5pm. We will, of course have a break or two in that time, so children may bring some nut-free snacks and a drink with them. Please collect your children from outside the Read Hall at 5pm, unless prior alternative arrangements have been made by email. Children should also ensure that they bring any inhalers or medication that they require.

Our second weekend session is on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March again from 2pm - 5pm. This is our only full technical rehearsal and will involve music, sounds and lighting. Again, children should bring snacks, drinks and medications.

We understand that weekend rehearsals can be slightly tricky, but the extra practice time they allow for is extremely valuable as there are so many demands on the school week that we simply cannot put a full play together in that time! We really appreciate your support with these sessions.

We have sent home a costume list with details of what each character should aim to wear. Please note that this can be interpreted as necessary as we would like the children to have some ownership over their characters. Please contact Mrs Beasley if you have any trouble sourcing parts of your child's costume. Ideally, we would like all costumes to be in school by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, ready for the dress rehearsal the following day.

The performances of the production will take place on the evenings of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.00pm, following daytime matinee dress rehearsal performances to the School during the same week. Tickets will shortly be available to book via the school website – keep an eye open for posters around the School! On performance evenings, children are welcome to remain in school where they will be supervised and fed before preparing for the show. If your child will not be staying at school during this time, please inform us so that we can keep a record of who to expect and ensure they are back in school by 6.00pm on both evenings.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Beasley and Mrs S Koczur