



Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School

1st March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our role as Lead Associate school working with the Royal Shakespeare Company, our Year 4 and Year 5 classes have been given the opportunity of visiting the theatre in Stratford Upon Avon to watch their new production of Shakespeare's play *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on Thursday 21st March. The trip has generously been fully funded (Theatre tickets and travel costs) by the RSC and we hope you agree that this is an exciting opportunity for our children to see live theatre.

On Thursday 21st March, the children will need to arrive at school at 7.45am ready to depart school promptly by coach at 8am. They will be accompanied by 4 OLA staff members from Year 4 and Year 5 and three of our ex members of staff who have kindly volunteered to accompany us. The children will need to wear their full school uniform, school shoes and a warm waterproof coat. As we will be away for the whole day, the children will need two packed lunches (one for lunch and one for tea time). If your child is entitled to a free school meal, one packed lunch will be provided - the school office will be in touch. Please note: no sweets or fizzy drinks allowed as per our usual packed lunch policy. Although the trip is paid for, we are asking for a contribution of £5 per child, which can be paid through Parent Pay as soon as possible, to purchase an ice cream in the interval and for extra drinks and snacks which we will take with us to give the children during the visit. (The children will be given a choice of 4 different flavours of ice cream.)

In preparation for watching the play, the children are studying the play through active approaches in our English lessons so that they are familiar with the play and with Shakespeare's language. By studying a Shakespeare play at primary school and engaging with the language, it prepares the children for studying Shakespeare at secondary school.

Our expected itinerary:

7.45am	Children to arrive at school for registration
8 am	Depart school by coach. There is no toilet on board the coach so a

scheduled stop on the motorway will be made. Please ensure your child has been to the toilet before they come to school. They will not be able to eat or drink on the coach

- 11.30am/12pm Expected arrival in Stratford-Upon-Avon
- 12pm Children to have their packed lunch in a room provided by the RSC.
- 1.15pm A Midsummer Night's Dream performance including 20 minute interval. Please note that the production features loud noises, live music, loud voices, flashing and strobe lighting, flame effects, smoke and haze.
- 4pm Leave Theatre and return to the RSC space to have the second packed lunch.
- 5pm Leave Stratford-Upon-Avon by coach. We will make another scheduled stop on route to allow for a toilet stop.
- 8.30/9pm We expect to arrive at school. We will be in touch with parents/ carers through our school text system if arrival time is different. If your contact number on our text system is not up to date, please let the school office know.

If your child suffers from travel sickness, please let us know in advance.

Please complete the consent slip attached and send back to school as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs McVey and Mrs Parker

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