

TIBSHELF COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you're probably fully aware the pantomime rehearsals are now in full swing and we are starting to make plans for the final performances which take place from 7 pm on Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th December. We also plan to run a matinee performance for some primary school pupils on Monday 17th December during the school day.

I wanted to try and give as much advance notice regarding additional rehearsal dates as possible in the hope that the vast majority of the cast will be able to attend. If you can avoid absences from these rehearsals unless absolutely vital it helps keep the rehearsal process as smooth and valuable as possible. Two years ago we introduced Friday night rehearsals instead of weekend rehearsals which were found to be much more productive and something we wish to continue this year.

Additional rehearsal dates are as follows:

October half term rehearsal - Monday 29 th October 11 am – 2 pm	Main Cast
Late night rehearsal 1 - Friday 23 rd November 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm	Cast/dancers/choir
Late night rehearsal 2 - Friday 30 th November 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm	Cast/dancers/choir/backstage team
Dress Rehearsal 1 - Friday 7 th December 3.30 – 7 pm	Cast/dancers/choir/backstage team
Dress Rehearsal 2 - Friday 14 th December 3.30 – 7 pm	Cast/dancers/backstage team/chorus

We have had initial conversations with the dancers about costumes but will send out a more detailed set of information about what they need and if parents can support us with this it is very much appreciated. There isn't a specific budget available for school productions and we have to ensure they don't run at a loss. I am trying to keep costumes for the majority of dancers as simple as possible, mainly leggings and t-shirts which we can jazz up with additional accessories in school. We have asked the main cast to take responsibility and ownership of their own individual costume(s) and appreciate the support parents often offer us. If there are any major issues, however, please ask your son/daughter to speak with one of us.

Finally, we are printing t shirts this year. For the Choreographers, Set designers and Backstage Team these form part of their finale costume, for everyone else we are offering the opportunity to purchase one to wear whilst in rehearsal/backstage and as a keepsake.

Please make your purchase through ParentPay before 10th October. T-shirts will cost £6.50. Mrs Tipping will take order details.

Tickets will be available to purchase on line via a link on our school website within the next few weeks. Please contact Leah Herbert on 01773 872391 ext 141 should you have any issues with the online booking system.

If you have any other queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact either of us on the number above.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Laura Tipping
Director of Key Stage 3 Progress

Mr Daniel Prentice
Head of Performing Arts

