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Year 1/2 performances of 'Gnome Alone'

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

At Headlands we showcase various performing arts. EYFS present 'The Nativity' and Year 1/2 a special performance at Christmas, in the Spring Term Year 3/4 undertake Class Celebrations, and at the end of the summer term Year 5/6 put on a fabulous play.

Due to the restrictions of seating available in the school hall, attendance to these performances is via ticket only. Due to the small number of children in EYFS we are able to provide four tickets per child, however please be aware that from Year 1 upwards, we are able to provide 3 tickets per child.

Year1/2

We are very excited to invite you to our Year 1/2 performances of Gnome Alone.

- Tuesday 6th December: 2.00pm
- Wednesday 7th December: 6.00pm
- Thursday 8th December: 6.00pm

We appreciate the importance and value that parents of all children place on watching their child perform and to this end and with the notion of fairness and equality central to our decision making, we have decided to keep the ticket allocation the same as in previous years. We would therefore ask that you read this letter carefully to avoid any possible confusion or conflict in the weeks to come.

Please also note that the performance will be shared with the rest of the school during school hours.

The Challenges

Annually, we face challenges around the size of our school hall and the number of people with children in Year 1/2 wishing to view the performances. Uppermost in our decision making is the health, safety and well-being of all persons on our school site; we therefore must be mindful of the health and safety requirements stipulated for a hall of our size and its associated capacity. Against this, we must balance the demand on a very limited number of seats as a consequence of diverse family structures and sizes.

The Solution

Please find attached 3 tickets per child for the three performances (x1 for each performance).

This ensures that, regardless of family size, all families have equal opportunity to watch their child perform. Once you have your tickets, there is no reason why you cannot trade, swap or exchange tickets with friends to enable your seating requirements to be met.

Whilst the majority of parents will be able to make their own arrangements in exchanging tickets, Mrs Clare Ahmad (School Governor) has kindly volunteered to support the re-allocation of tickets for those families encountering difficulties. If you have any unwanted tickets, require a swap, or would like an additional ticket, please text Mrs Clare Ahmad on 07712044325. She is happy to be contacted at any time and will help redistribute unwanted tickets, even up to the performance, as she may have parents on a 'waiting list'. Please be aware that tickets are limited and she will do her very best to accommodate your requests. Please note the school office is not involved in this process.

Safety

Please be aware that due to space the audience will not be socially distanced from each other but will be seated shoulder to shoulder forward facing. As you can appreciate, the health and safety requirements and ticket allocation system will only operate successfully if we work to the following policy:

1. Older or younger siblings will not be able to attend the performances unless they have a ticket. We cannot allow children of any age to sit on laps. This is because in the event of a fire we need to know the number of individuals within the building. To avoid complications on the day it is essential parents adhere to this as we do not have the capacity to allow extra people, however small, to be present in the hall.
2. In the event that you are able to secure a ticket for your older or younger siblings, please do not bring pushchairs or prams into school so that evacuation routes can be kept clear ensuring the risk of incident or injury is greatly diminished. They may be stored either outside the building or in the entrance area.
3. To ensure this policy is operated successfully, **only ticket holders** will be allowed into the performance.
4. There will be no charge for tickets, however, programmes are available to purchase for 50p and photographs for £1.

Photographs and Video

There will be some parents who wish to take photographs or video the performance. Due to safeguarding, please **do not share any images of any other children on any social media site**. Images of the performance are for **personal use only**. We will have photographs of the children displayed in the entrance and available for you to purchase from the Parents Forum.

Evening Performances

At the end of the evening performances, we would ask that one adult collects their child from their KS1 classroom and exits onto the KS1 playground. Other audience members may exit via the main front door. This eases congestion in our narrow corridors.

For those who have not been part of the audience but who are collecting their children at the end, we will let you know in due course the arrival time.

As always we thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,
Year 1/2 Team