

05 March 2019

Macbeth

Wednesday 3rd April: Brookburn, Cavendish, Barlow Hall and Manley Park
Thursday 4th April: Oswald Road, Chorlton C of E and Chorlton Park

Dear Parent / Carer

Your child has been working very hard on this year's Primary Production for Chorlton High School – Shakespeare's **Macbeth** - and it is nearly time for curtain up! This letter is to give you information about how the day of the dress rehearsal and performance will work. Your child will be brought by staff from their school to Chorlton High School on the morning of their performance day.

If you can volunteer to walk the children from Oswald Road down to Chorlton High, please get in touch with the school office – this would be greatly appreciated!

During the day, the children will be participating in a technical and dress rehearsal in the Blue Box Theatre. For this, they will need to bring:

- Any basic costume that they have been asked to provide (*they will receive a slip about this very soon*). This will need to be in a labelled (*name and school*) plastic bag
- **A packed lunch and a drink.** If they receive free school meals, please speak to staff at their school to arrange an alternative packed lunch for the day. Please ensure you do this at least a week before the performance.
- A book or another silent activity that they can do in a darkened theatre, as technical rehearsals can be quite lengthy and dull!

The day will end at **4pm** and they will need to be collected from Chorlton High School instead of their primary school. If you wait just outside the front reception entrance to Chorlton High School, staff will bring the children out to you. Your child will then need to return to Chorlton High School for **6pm**. They need to be brought into the reception area and will be able to make their own way to their dressing room from there. They may need to wear face paint as part of their costume. If your child has an allergy to face paint, please inform their Year 5 teacher. The performance will start at **7.30pm** and will finish at approximately **9pm**. They will need to bring the same things with them that they brought to the day session, except for the packed lunch. *Please note* – the show is unsuitable for children in Year 2 and below. The performance will use strobe lighting.

Last week you will have received a ticket form. If you wish to purchase your allocated ticket, the reply slip and £5 must be dropped with the office at your child's primary school by **Friday 15th March at the latest**. This is the closing date to secure your allocated ticket, without exception. Any unsold tickets will go on sale at Chorlton High School on **Monday 25th March** at the Reception desk at Chorlton High School and you will be able to purchase ONE additional ticket if there are any available after the first allocation. Due to the high demand for tickets it would be advisable to call the CHS Finance Department on 0161 882 1152 to check availability first. **NO TICKETS will be available for purchase on the day of the show.**

If your child is an actor in the show please could you support a final push on learning lines and stage directions, all of which is in the new script that they will receive soon. Once again, thank you for your time and enthusiasm. We hope your child thoroughly enjoys being part of *Macbeth*. Break a leg!

Yours sincerely



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