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Dear Parent/Carer,

Shakespeare Schools Festival Invitation and Rehearsal Dates



As you may be aware, our school is taking part in Shakespeare Schools Festival (SSF) 2018. Shakespeare Schools Foundation is a cultural education charity, who hold the world's largest youth drama festival every Autumn. Months of preparation culminate in exhilarating performance evenings; young people playing Shakespeare in professional theatres, raising aspirations and unlocking the potential of students from all backgrounds.

We are delighted to be a part of this year's Shakespeare Schools Festival and are pleased to inform you that your child is invited to take part in our 30-minute production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, taking place on Thursday 22nd November 2018 at *The Key Theatre*, Peterborough.

As part of the festival journey, your child will be/has been taking part in rehearsals at school and will be attending a half day Company Workshop. The dates and times your child is required to attend this autumn term are detailed overleaf. Where appropriate, please ensure you advise transport and make arrangements to collect your son/daughter from school at the later time.

The Company Workshop will be a half-day workshop led by theatre professionals during the autumn term. SSF will work with the whole company of students to develop the performance and give us tips and tricks to take back into the rehearsal room. This will be a fantastic day, boosting the confidence of students and teachers as the excitement builds towards the performance day.

On the day of the performance, students will spend half a day at the theatre where SSF staff will lead the company in a technical and dress rehearsal, ensuring everyone feels ready and supported for the evening to come. Then, in a celebratory finale to our festival journey, the company will join other local schools as the students take to the stage and share their hard work and success with you and the local community. We will travel to the Key Theatre in our school minibus.

Dates for your diary: Rehearsals: Autumn Term

Rehearsals will take place at CoPASS between 3pm and 4pm on the following dates: Thursday 20th September – Thursday 22nd November 2018 on both Mondays and Thursdays each week.

If your child would like to be involved, please complete the reply slip below and return it to Mrs Edwards on our reception by Monday 17th September 2018.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Hill
Deputy Principal

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Please return this slip to Mrs Edwards on Reception by Friday 22nd June 2018.

I/We **give** permission for my child to be involved in the Shakespeare rehearsals and have indicated below which sessions they can attend and, where appropriate, I/we will advise transport and make arrangements to collect our son/daughter from school at the later time of 4pm on each of the dates they are attending rehearsals at school.

I/We **do not give** permission for my child to take part in these rehearsals

Dates for your diary: Rehearsals & Performance: Autumn Term

Please tick if your child will attend on the following dates:

- Thursday 20th September 3 - 4pm and I / we will collect them at 4pm
- Monday 24th September 3 - 4pm and I / we will collect them at 4pm
- Thursday 27th September 3 - 4pm and I / we will collect them at 4pm
- Monday 1st October 3 - 4pm and I / we will collect them at 4pm
- Thursday 4th October 3 - 4pm and I / we will collect them at 4pm
- Monday 8th October 3 - 4pm and I / we will collect them at 4pm
- Thursday 11th October 3 - 4pm and I / we will collect them at 4pm
- Monday 15th October 3 - 4pm and I / we will collect them at 4pm
- Thursday 18th October 3 - 4pm and I / we will collect them at 4pm

Half term – no rehearsals

- Thursday 1st November 3 - 4pm and I / we will collect them at 4pm
- Monday 5th November 3 - 4pm and I / we will collect them at 4pm
- Thursday 8th November 3 - 4pm and I / we will collect them at 4pm
- Monday 12th November 3 - 4pm and I / we will collect them at 4pm
- Thursday 15th November 3 - 4pm and I / we will collect them at 4pm
- Monday 19th November 3 - 4pm and I / we will collect them at 4pm
- Thursday 22nd November 1.30pm – approx. 8.30pm and I/we will advise transport, where appropriate, and will make arrangements to collect our child from the Key Theatre at 8.30pm**

Pupil Name.....

Signed Parent/Carer Date

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