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Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September we are pleased to welcome the M and M theatre company to school. M and M visited school at the same time last year and their productions (even in the Church Hall) are nothing short of amazing! Obviously, Covid-19 has meant that they had to adapt and change their procedures and performances.

To start with, the company normally performs to the whole-school which lasts around an hour but they will now stay all day and perform to each 'bubble'. The children will wash their hands prior to entering and on leaving the hall. The hall will be cleaned between performances (the children will sit on chairs and mats that will be sanitised between performances) and the performer will also follow strict hygiene procedures between performances including being allocated their own toilet which the children do not use.

The company normally send around 5 actors but this year there will only be one who will perform alongside a live cinematic experience (on a large screen) which the company will bring. This year's production is 'The Wizard of Oz' and it is suitable for all year groups. Attached is some information sent by the company regarding the performance. Risk assessments are available upon request.

I'm sure you will agree that this sounds like a fantastic and quality experience for our children at a time when such experiences are still limited. It will help to enhance and enrich our exciting curriculum. In order to support the funding of the activity **school is politely asking for a voluntary contribution of £8.00** towards the costs. Parents are not obliged to make a contribution and the school will try to support costs through its own budget, but this would reduce what we are able to spend in terms of materials and equipment for the children.

Please contact the office with any questions or concerns.

Many thanks in advance.

*Sarah Annette*  
Headteacher

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As the UK's number one touring theatre company, we firmly believe in the age-old phrase that "The show must go on" and disappointing the children, for us, is simply not an option.

So, we have been working tirelessly in the wings to find a solution which will allow us to bring you a theatre experience of the standard that you have come to expect from us, understanding that there are still government measures in place and ensuring safety as our first priority.

M&M Theatrical Productions are proud to introduce:

## **Cinematic Theatre in Education**

Let us transform your gym / dining hall into a magical and interactive theatrical experience, this time using a giant cinema quality screen to present one of our unique and interactive cross curricular productions – The Wizard of Oz.

As always, our specially adapted productions, renowned for their high quality, attention to detail and emphasis on core values, ensure that children of all ages and abilities are equally engaged, educated and entertained by a talented cast of 10 on screen whilst accompanied and headlined in person by one of our talented and dynamic actors in character; guaranteeing the immersive and fully interactive experience that M&M is acclaimed for.

To allow for safe and adequate distancing of the audience at the school's discretion, we are adding additional showings.

The pandemic has been particularly difficult for those in the education & performing arts sectors, so I thank you for your continued support and loyalty. Your business this year is invaluable to us and will ensure we are able to continue to provide wonderful experiences in the years to come.

We look forward to speaking to you soon and in the meantime wish you all a safe, happy and healthy return to the new academic year.



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