



Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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Bracknell Junior Musical Festival Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

The arrangements for the Music Festival are now well underway, so I just wanted to draw your attention to some important dates and information, including ticket sales.

Rehearsals

1st rehearsal at King's Academy Binfield - Tuesday 20th May 1.15 – 3.00pm. Please head to the Primary Entrance. We have been advised to use St George's Park rather than Wood Lane to approach the Primary School.

2nd rehearsal at Whitegrove Primary School - Tuesday 10th June, 1.15 – 3.00 pm

Please collect your child from school at 12.55pm in order to drop them at the event at 1.10pm. A member of our school staff will be in the school grounds to receive your child. At the end of the rehearsal, we will head to the same point for collection. On these days we will not have choir practice after school but will meet on the Wednesday lunch time to practice.

Travel Arrangements

On the day of the performance, we will transport your child from Jennett's Park to The Hexagon by coach. For this we ask for a voluntary contribution of £6.55 to be paid by Parent Pay – this will be on your ParentPay by Monday 19th. The coach will leave school at approximately 12.30pm and we will ensure that children eat their lunch before departing school. We will then stay at The Hexagon for the rehearsal and the performance. Children will eat tea at the venue between the rehearsal and performance which will begin at 7pm. You will need to arrange to pick up your child from The Hexagon at 8.15pm when it has finished. Nearer the time we will be given a meeting point within the theatre which is where we will take the children once the performance has finished. This is where your child will need to be collected from and where we will release your child to the named person on the permission slip.

Tickets

Tickets will be available to purchase should you wish to watch the performance. You will be able to purchase them directly from the Hexagon and are priced at £17.50 and £13.50 concessions. This includes the Hexagon £2.50 booking fee. Tickets for our **Tuesday** performance will go on sale on **Tuesday 20th May** and you should contact the Hexagon box office directly on **0118 9606060**, book online via their website <https://whatsonreading.com/hexagon/whats-on> or visit the box office in person during its opening hours. Please be aware that this event runs over 4 evenings, with different schools attending on each evening so please ensure you book for the Tuesday.

Please note that there are no restrictions on the number of tickets purchased once they are on sale, so if you wish to attend, we recommend booking **as early as possible**.

When booking tickets please be aware that we are a Part 1 school. I have attached a copy of the Hexagon seating plan for you to see, but for a Central view – book in areas B, C, F or G or for an Opposite view – book in A or H. We will not find out our exact seating position until the day. As we could be in the far end of the stalls, please avoid booking D and E.



Dress Code

As the theme of this year's Music Festival is 'A Night at the Movies' we have been asked to come dressed as our favourite film or cartoon character. It does not have to be from the songs we are performing, it can be anything related to the theme. Any clothing with pictures of characters/films on are very welcome. This is absolutely not obligatory so if anyone is at all uncomfortable with this or equally doesn't have easy access to anything along these lines then please just go bright, the brighter the better. Just so you are aware there are some limitations;

- **No onesies please** - These are incredibly warm.
- **No particularly wide outfits** – we are limited on space so anything too bulky or wide would potentially cause issues.
- **No big/tall hats** – this will block the view of the person behind particularly if sitting on the stage.
- **No face coverings** – we really need to see the children's faces.

Food and Drink

At present we are planning for the children to bring their own packed tea to eat between the rehearsal and performance. We will stay near the premises, either inside or just outside the building to eat this. Please ensure that all food is brought in disposable packaging as we have limited space for our belongings during the performance. Please also provide a named water bottle.

Practising for the event

The children will not be able have the word sheets at the performance. Please use the following website address and password to access the songs at home to practise.

<https://www.berksmusictrust.org.uk/junior-music-festival-2024-25-rbwm-bracknell/>

Password BMTJMFJun25 (**NB the password is case sensitive**).

Thank you for your continued support. I have been really impressed with all of the enthusiasm and commitment that your children have shown so far.

Further details regarding the performance and where your child should be collected from will be sent out when this information becomes available to us, but in the meantime if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sharon Bruce
Music Subject Lead

