



19th October 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer

The Wizard of Oz – Christmas Panto still coming to Haytor View!

In spite of the challenges currently being faced nationally regarding COVID-19 we are keen that we maintain as many of our school Christmas traditions as possible. While it will not be possible for some of these to happen, we will be in touch over the coming weeks to let you know of what can go ahead and how.

Our good news on this front begins with that M&M Productions who bring us our brilliant panto each year are joining us on Friday 27th November to give children in Years 1-6 a great time! Whilst things are going to look a bit different as we maintain our approaches to keeping children safe we know from experience that when M&M say they are going to work with us to bring us a '**magical and interactive theatrical experience**' they mean it!

So what will it look like?

- 3 'performances' throughout the day – one for the KS1 bubble; Year 3/4 bubble; Year 5/6 bubble
- A giant cinema quality screen in our hall
- Presentation on screen of 'The Wizard of Oz' by a talented cast of 10
- Led in the hall by one of M&M's talented and dynamic actors in character
- A guaranteed immersive and fully interactive experience with all of the fun that panto can bring.

M&M have never let us down before and we are keen that our children get the best of what's on offer this Christmas period.

Once again funds raised from events last year led by parents are supporting a significant part of the costs of bringing this production to Haytor View. This means that we are again seeking a contribution of just £3.50 per child to support this event. We are pleased that this price has remained the same for years now and your commitment to meeting this each year is what has enabled us to keep inviting this talented and committed theatre group back to us. To keep things simple **consent for your child to attend and payments can now be made immediately via the School Gateway in the normal way.**

Sadly due to arrangements we have in place to manage the spread of COVID-19 we are unable to invite parents to the show this year. The nature of the show is also less familiar to us than our typical panto so we have made the decision to look elsewhere for an experience to engage our youngest children in the Foundation Stage – watch out for information about that.

We hope that this news brings some very early Christmas cheer as we head into the half term break. If you have any questions concerning the performance do get in touch with us in the normal way. In the meantime we look forward to receiving payments to support the event – be assured that should plans change for any reason your monies will be refunded.

Yours sincerely

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