

Friday, 29th September, 2017,

Dear Parents,

Although you may wish to cover your eyes and ears, I'm afraid we must mention Christmas, despite it only being September! As we pledged at the beginning of the school year, we are aiming to ensure that parents have as much notice as possible when being asked for financial contributions.

For this year's Christmas event, for the children from Year 1 to Year 6, we'll hopefully be enjoying our bi-annual visit to The Swan Theatre in Worcester to experience their production of Sleeping Beauty on Monday, 18th December. The children in Reception will be having a day of fun and surprises based in school.

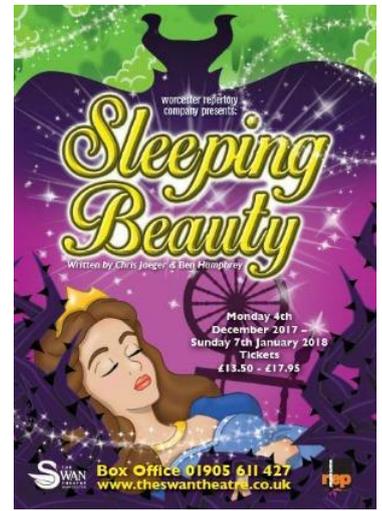
The PTFA are kindly covering the cost of the coaches to the theatre, which would be £5.20 per child, and we are therefore only asking for voluntary contributions to pay for the tickets themselves. Tickets would usually cost £13.50, however, we are able to offer them at a reduced cost of £9.50.

We appreciate that money isn't always readily available, particularly around that time of year, which is why we have introduced a significantly extended payment schedule. Once the trip is available on Parent Pay, parents will then have 7 weeks to pay their pledged amount. This can be done weekly, 50% at a time, in one lump sum – however it is easiest for you to cover the cost.

Over the next two weeks, we are asking parents to send back the slip below, completed with the amount that they are willing to pledge. At the end of that time, Friday, 13th October, we will then be able to total the amounts pledged and determine whether the visit is financially viable. As mentioned previously, we, as a school, are no longer able to subsidise school visits as we have done in the past. If sufficient amounts have been pledged, then the pantomime will be added to Parent Pay. Parents will then have 7 weeks, from Monday, 16th October to Friday, 1st December to pay their pledged amount. Please do not try to pay before the visit has been confirmed as going ahead!

The total cost of this experience would usually be £18.20, however, due to the subsidised coach travel and reduced ticket prices, we are asking for parents to only contribute £9.50 for each ticket.

Please return the slip below and return it to school by Friday, 13th October. We will then be able to inform parents whether the visit will go ahead. Please do speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the office staff if you would like to discuss payments and payment plans.



Sleeping Beauty at The Swan Theatre – Monday, 18th December

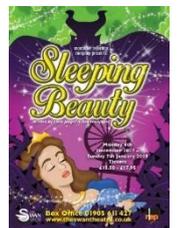
Name: _____ Class: _____

I pledge that I will pay £ _____ towards this visit.

I understand that I have from Monday, 16th October to Friday, 1st December to make that payment.

Signed: _____

(Please return this slip by Friday, 13th October)



Cost Breakdown – Per Child

Transport - £0
(£5.20 paid for by PTFA)
Tickets - £9.50
(Reduced from £13.50)
Total Per Child: £9.50