

7.7.23

TO PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN IN YEARS 5 AND 6

'Blondel: Minstrel on a Mission' – a few final bits of important information!

Performances start at 6pm on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th: please could children be back at school at these times -

- **Year 6 children: 5.30pm**
- **Year 5 children: 5.40pm**

We will open the KS2 playground gate just before 5.30pm for children to come in and get changed. The side doors to the Expressive Arts hall (near the school front door) will open for the audience at 5.45pm. There are 2 Acts, plus a short interval. We expect to be finished around 7.45pm. Please do consider carefully before bringing preschool children to the show, as it is unreasonable to expect them to remain seated quietly throughout the performance, and it is quite a long show for them to sit through!

Collecting children after the performance: Please collect your children from the KS2 playground door when the performance is finished. If you are not attending the performance, please be ready to collect from about 7.45pm. As these are evening performances, for safety reasons, we will assume that all children will be collected unless you give us permission for them to go home alone on the Wednesday, Thursday or both. You can email this information to me if that is easier at drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk. If we do have uncollected children, we will need to make a phone call to you to check you are happy for them to come home alone before we can let them go, so we would really appreciate you letting us know in advance if possible!

Photography: For safeguarding reasons, we ask you not to take any photographs or videos. Mr Tull will be taking lots of photos which we will put on the school website. Later next week, we will also be sending the children home with a colour montage of photographs in costume. We will put a couple of song clips on the website too.

The weather is looking as if it won't be too hot, which will make a difference to performers and the audience! However, please do ask children to bring their water bottles with them.

We are performing to the school on Monday morning. On Tuesday morning, there will be some filming of scenes and musical numbers. We are hoping that Geoff Page, who wrote the musical, is going to be able to pop into school for a quick visit on that morning – the children will be able to show him some of their musical highlights!

Finally – thank you for your continuing support. We believe it is important to strive to produce high quality drama with our oldest children, creating many lasting memories for them. We know you will enjoy the show!

Yours sincerely

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