

**IMPORTANT SHOW INFORMATION – PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY & KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

November 2018

**HAPAning 2019- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

Dear Parents & Pupils,

**PLEASE RETURN THE ATTACHED CONSENT FORM BY SATURDAY 8th DECEMBER 2018**

As many of you already know, our forthcoming show HAPAning 2019 will be taking place at The Lighthouse Theatre, Kettering, on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 2:15pm & 7pm with the dress rehearsal on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March at the theatre. Tickets are now available and may be purchased from the Lighthouse Theatre Box Office on 01536 414141 or online [www.lighthousetheatre.co.uk](http://www.lighthousetheatre.co.uk) and are priced at £12 for adults and £9.00 for concessions. Please be sure to reserve your tickets in good time. If you're not familiar with The Lighthouse Theatre I am sure you'll be pleased with the facilities on offer. It will be a great experience for the children to perform in a professional theatre on such a lovely stage.

Please note, theatre regulations stipulate that infants under 3 years are not permitted in the auditorium. Children aged 3 upwards must have a seat purchased for them (no sitting on laps) due to fire regulations.

All pupils normally take part in the show performing in their class group. Rehearsals for the show take place in class time except for additional rehearsals outlined in the 'Timetable for Show' attached. It is therefore vital that their attendance is consistent whilst they are learning and rehearsing for their performance, as they are part of a team effort and we want all the children to be fully prepared and ready for their performance. Please specify on the consent form any dates you will be unable to attend class/ rehearsal.

Due to problems with poor attendance causing major disruption in the run up to last years show, we reserve the right to exclude a pupil from a show dance if more than 3 classes are missed during the Spring term without the teachers prior consent.

If your child is unable to participate in the performances, e.g. due to a prior holiday, we need to know now so that they are not set in a key place in a routine. They may still take part fully in the classes between now and the show.

I would like to point out that even the youngest children gain a great deal of confidence and experience during our productions and I am sure everyone who has been involved in previous years will agree what a wonderful time the children have and how rewarding all the effort is for both parents and pupils alike.

**WHICH SHOW WILL YOU BE PERFORMING IN?**

If your class is **NOT** listed in Table 1, you will be performing in **all** shows. All of classes listed will perform in the shows as per TABLE 1 (attached). If you have any queries about which performances you will be in, please contact Miss Georgia on [admin@harboroughacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@harboroughacademy.co.uk) or see Jo in the café on Saturdays.

## COSTUMES AND PROPS

Please look at the noticeboard for information regarding costume fitting and ordering. There will be 1 costume fitting day on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 10am-5pm, where you will also pay for your costumes in full. Please come at a time which is convenient to you. Please make sure your costumes are clearly named as soon as you receive them next term. This year we are asking all dancers to wear “dance knickers”, to avoid the embarrassment of visible underwear etc. These can be ordered on the fitting day.

## SHOW PROGRAMME

We have a professional photographer coming into the studios on a date TBC to take class photos for the show programme. The timetable for this will be posted to the noticeboard soon. Please make sure you're wearing correct uniform and your hair is neat. If anyone is interested in advertising in the souvenir programme, please tick the box on the consent form and we will contact you further.

## BACKSTAGE & REHEARSAL HELPERS

Throughout the rehearsals and performances of our shows the enjoyment and safety of the children involved is our prime concern. We enlist the help of Mums in the dressing rooms and backstage, all of whom are known to us personally and most of whom have been helping for a number of years. If there are any Dads that would like to volunteer to assist at stage door or front of house that would also be a big help to us. Unauthorized people are not permitted backstage at any time during the rehearsals or performances. In light of child protection advice, we are asking for anyone with a current DBS (less than 3 years old at date of show) in place to make themselves known by ticking the box on the helpers list and supplying a copy of their DBS certificate. We can then ensure there is the right percentage of these helpers backstage at any time. All teachers at HAPA and the Lighthouse stage management crew are DBS checked and will be on hand supervising. Please indicate on the consent form if you are willing to volunteer. If you are not watching a performance, please offer to assist backstage as the children need as much help as possible and we rely on our kind volunteers to be able to run the show. If you'd like to know more about what is involved, please speak to Jo or Miss Georgia. We also need a number of our parents to become licensed chaperones, if this is something you would like to know more about please see Jo.

## COMMUNICATION

We ask you to frequently look at the noticeboards at the studios and on the website

for updates. If you have any queries, please speak to Jo in the café or email Miss Georgia at [admin@harboroughacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@harboroughacademy.co.uk) or call Miss Linda on 0116 2792194.

## AND FINALLY...

All students are welcome to take part in the show finale for each performance they take part in. If they are backstage for the finale we will assume they are taking part. They will need to wear black leggings (black trousers for boys), a black HAPA t-shirt, which can be purchased from Synergy Dancewear and black shoes (not Tap shoes). Please make sure that this outfit and all costumes are fully named.

Thank you

Miss Linda & Miss Georgia