



Dear Parents,

Attached is a permission form to be completed by the end of December 23, along with your costume deposits. Please complete one form per child not per family. We are also asking for a small contribution towards the cost of the show T-shirt. We hope that as many of you as possible will opt in to buy one as they are a wonderful keepsake and really useful to have all the children unified when we are escorting around the Theatre. Costs of the show are now so high that we hope you can understand the reason for asking for a small contribution again this year.

Pupils and parents that have been a part of our show before, know what an amazing experience it is for our pupils, from our youngest children currently in Class Exam or Primary right through to our Senior dancers who will leave us at the end of the year.

If you haven't been involved before, please see if you can borrow a DVD of the last show so you get an idea of the scale and quality of the production at the Wycombe Swan theatre.

The title of this year's show is 'The Iconic Show' and will have a hugely varied selection of dances based on iconic people, places and objects including artists, authors, and buildings.

We will be having 2 shows: one on Saturday July 6th evening and one on Sunday July 7th matinee. Dress and technical rehearsals take place during the day time of each show day.

We will be rehearsing the Story Ballet, the Finale and possibly some senior dances on the Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July afternoon/evening so please also keep this free.

Children in Grade 4 and under will only perform at one of the shows, pupils in Grade 5 and above perform in both. There are some exceptions: PG dancers perform in both and occasionally mixed groups of Juniors and Seniors perform twice. We will keep you informed if your child's dance is an exception.

Pupils from both the Pat Steel School and Bucks School of Dance combine and the dances will be split accordingly:

**Saturday July 6th:** Pupils in Grade 4 AND BELOW from Loudwater, Seer Green, Bourne End and Braywick.

**Sunday July 7th:** Pupils in Grade 4 AND BELOW from BCA, Penn Street, Holtspur and Tylers Green.

Cinderella, the Story Ballet for BCA ballet students in Grades 3,4,6,7 and 8 will also perform at both shows. Pupils in Grade 5 and above will perform at BOTH performances. Pupils who make up our Performance Groups will also perform at both performances.

It is essential that you tell us whether your child **cannot** take part so that the teachers can adapt their choreography.

For some families who may struggle to find the funds for all the costume costs, we do have a 'Show Assistance Fund' in place, using some of the money from the school's second hand stall proceeds. If you feel that your circumstances require a little help, please do apply. It is handled with complete confidentiality and we will assist you if we can. Please email [Candy@patsteelschoolofdance.co.uk](mailto:Candy@patsteelschoolofdance.co.uk) or [Karen@bucksschoolofdance.co.uk](mailto:Karen@bucksschoolofdance.co.uk) if

There will be lots more information coming your way over the next few months but if you have any initial questions please e-mail Karen [karen@bucksschoolofdance.co.uk](mailto:karen@bucksschoolofdance.co.uk) if you attend a Bucks School of Dance branch, or Candy [candy@patsteelschoolofdance.co.uk](mailto:candy@patsteelschoolofdance.co.uk) if you attend at Pat Steel.

Many thanks,

Miss Candy, Miss Karen and Miss Claire, your 2024 Show Directors