

24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Year 5 –The RSC Associate School’s programme: A Midsummer Night’s Dream**

I am delighted to inform you of the upcoming Shakespeare performance at the Mercury Theatre in Colchester on Wednesday 3rd July. All of the Year 5 children will be involved and will be assigned roles in the play. Therefore, it is imperative that all children attend the event.

The Playmaking Festival is a celebration of the talent and voices of young people from our region. Each night, around a hundred students from across East of England will collaborate to perform an abridged version of Shakespeare’s captivating comedy. This year’s festival marks the culmination of the sixth year of the Associate School’s programme in the region, showcasing the work and partnership of a cluster of primary and secondary schools, led by Ormiston Sudbury Academy, one of the RSC’s Lead Associate Schools.

To facilitate the transportation of our students to and from the theatre, we have booked a coach which will be departing the school at 9.15am and returning at approximately 9pm. Please ensure that your child arrives promptly, so that we can depart on schedule. The school will be covering the cost, therefore there will be no additional fees which we require from you. We will be at the theatre all day, practising and rehearsing, with the final performance starting at 7pm.

We would love for you to come to watch the performance. Tickets are priced at £10 and are sold on a first come, first served basis. Performers and accompanying staff will be based at the back of the auditorium, therefore they are not required to buy tickets. Link to tickets: <https://www.mercurytheatre.co.uk/event/rsc-regional-playmaking-festival-a-midsummer-nights-dream-abridged/>

Children will be required to attend school in the morning in their ‘base’ costume. More details about your child’s character and costume will be provided in the first week after half term. Please ensure that your child brings essential items such as a named water bottle, a packed lunch and a packed tea.

The performance concludes at approximately 8.15pm. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and support regarding this exciting and wonderful opportunity for the children.

Please follow this link to complete the Google Form <https://forms.office.com/e/2jZieD4gg9> to give permission for your child to attend and confirm collection arrangements.

Yours faithfully,



Mr S Bassett  
Year 5 Class Teacher

