

14 September 2010

Dear Parents

Shakespeare Schools Festival

Your son/daughter is a member of the cast of the PGS entry to the Shakespeare Schools Festival. This is a huge nationwide Festival taking place in hundreds of theatres during October. Our production of "*A Midsummer Night's Dream*" is being performed alongside three other productions on 12 October at the New Theatre Royal in Portsmouth.

As part of the Festival the SSF organise workshops for the actors with the National Youth Theatre. Our cast workshop is taking place in the morning on Tuesday 28 September from 10.00 to 12.30. This workshop will give the cast a chance to meet pupils from one of the other schools taking part in the Festival, and to work on their performance skills on the stage where they will be performing.

On the day of the performance, Tuesday 12 October, the cast will be taking part in a technical rehearsal in the afternoon and will be leaving school at 13.00. I will arrange for them to have an earlier lunch break before they go down to the theatre. The cast will go to a local pizza restaurant for supper after the rehearsal, and will then return to the theatre for the performance which begins at 19.30. I expect the performances to finish at 22.00. Pupils should be collected from the front of the theatre at the end of the performance.

I do hope you will be able to come to see the performances at the New Theatre Royal and that you will bring the whole family to see what promises to be a great evening of Shakespeare.. Tickets are on sale from the New Theatre Royal Box Office (02392 649000)

The school has covered the costs of taking part in the Festival so there is no charge for participating in the workshop or performance. If you have any questions about the production please contact me either at mark.smith@pgs.org.uk or on 07919956484.

Yours faithfully

Mark Smith
Director of Drama



To: Mark Smith, Drama Department, The Portsmouth Grammar School, High Street, Portsmouth

Drama Trip to SSF Workshop and Performance

Name of Pupil _____ Tutor/House _____

I am happy for my son/daughter to attend the Workshop, Technical Rehearsal and Performance of the Shakespeare Schools Festival production.

Signature _____ Date _____
(Parent/Guardian)