

Dedicated

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Dear Parents,

Re: Dedicated Dance Show – En Avant

Thank you so much for your overwhelming interest in the show. I am now writing with further details so that everyone will know what is going on! **Firstly, anyone who has not yet replied please do so before Saturday 8th March so that costumes and dances may be finalised. If you have not replied by then I will assume that you do not wish your child to take part in the show.**

I am in need of helpers for both performances and dress rehearsal for all groups; – if you can help please see me ASAP or write your name on the notice board.

Tickets are now on sale. They will be £6 each. Two tickets per student have been allocated; if you have not stated which performance you would like please let me know or you might not get the performance you want as there are only 150 tickets for each performance. Spare tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. **Please bring payment for tickets in an envelope marked with the students name and the number of tickets required.** Please note that although the tickets are numbered the seats are not allocated – you may sit on any chair! There are no concessions, if a child cannot sit on a lap they will require a ticket.

Each student will be loaned a costume for the event. They will be given out the week before the dress rehearsal. They will be the students responsibility and will be collected at the end of the show. Each student should bring their costume to the dress rehearsal and show **(the costume should be handed back after the second show so please bring a change of clothes)**. Also please ensure that the performers bring their ballet shoes, Grade One Thursday and Grade 6 need Character shoes. Pre Primary, Primary, Grade 1, 2 and 3 need pink ballet socks. Grade 4 + need ballet tights (Boys black or white ballet shoes and white socks).

On the day of the show please name everything if you wish it to be returned - things get lost! Your child should bring a book or other quiet pastime for when they are not dancing – **No paints or felt pens please.** Also, please give your child a packed lunch so that they can eat between performances. **No chocolate or fizzy drinks** – they do not mix well with ballet costumes! Any costumes that are lost or damaged will be charged for.

Dress Rehearsal – The dress rehearsal will take place on Saturday 23rd March at Queen Ediths School (parking on the school playground off Godwin Way), please come to the Large Hall – where the show will be. The dress rehearsal is designed to put the dancers at ease so they are used to their surroundings and what they are required to do. It will also give them a chance to see the other performers. Please, if you are not a designated helper, leave your child with their group and return to

collect your child at the designated time. As you will appreciate space and time are short, and numbers, noise and excitement levels need to be kept to a minimum.

Dress rehearsal times (23rd March) – Please read carefully!

Session	Time	Dancers required
1st	2 - 4pm	Primary (Mon and Sat), Grade 1 (Thurs and Sat), Grade 3, Grade 5 and Intermediate
2nd	4 - 6pm	Pre Primary (Mon and Sat), Grade 2 (Tues and Wed), Grade 4, Grade 6
3rd	5 - 6pm	Advanced and Repertoire.

On Saturday 30th March (Show Day) as you know there will be two performances – all dancers will be in both performances. The dancers should arrive with their costume at the following times and report to the front desk, no parents back stage please (unless a designated helper);

Arrival Time	Dancers required
12:30pm	All Primaries, All Grade 1s, Grade 3, Grade 5
1pm	All Pre-Primaries, Grade 2, Grade 4, Grade 6 and Advanced.

The first performance is at 1:30pm the second at 4pm. Doors will open at 1pm for the first show and 3:30pm for the second. If young children are watching the show and require a chair they must have a ticket.

Please no flash photography during performances, it is very off- putting for performers and audience. If you wish to take video we ask that you stand at the back so others can see the stage. Please ensure that all mobile phones and cameras etc have been switched to silent, if you cannot do this please do not use it. No photographs containing children other than your own must be shared on social media.

Photographs will be taken of all groups during the dress rehearsal and on the show day which will be available to view and buy. A DVD of the show will be available to order at the show, priced £15.

Finally, I will be holding a Raffle in the interval to raise money for the **East Anglia Children's Hospice**. If you would like to donate a prize, such as a bottle of wine, toiletries, chocolates, toys etc please bring it to a class before the 30th March, and hand it to me or Adri!

If you have any questions please check the website under 'show' or the notice board. If you do not find the answer there then please ask me. I hope that the show will be a great success and I am looking forward to seeing you all there! Thank you again for your enthusiasm and patience!

Best Regards

Kate Simmons
(RAD RTS, BSc.)