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Ebony Black and the 7 Gnomes

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Our year 6 children have been working very hard on rehearsals for their play, "Ebony Black and the 7 Gnomes", which they will be performing next week. There will be two performances, on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th July, both at 7.30 p.m. It is essential that all children involved in the production are present for both performances. Please can you confirm that they are available on the attached reply slip.

Pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be able to see one of the dress rehearsals.

Entrance is by ticket only as our hall seating is limited to comply with safety regulations. Please note that children over 3 will require a ticket but children under that age will not, provided you are happy for them to sit on your lap. Please fill in your requirements on the reply slip – please do not over order. There is no charge for tickets. However, if you enjoy the performance and would like to contribute towards the cost of the production there will be a retiring collection.

We will be filming the production ourselves and DVDs will be available to buy at a cost of £5 each. Please indicate on the slip if you would like to order any copies and enclose the slip and money in a sealed envelope. Cheques should be made payable to Queen Eleanor's School Fund. If you order by Friday 13th July, you will receive your DVD before we break up for the holidays. If we receive your order after that date, we will still fulfil it but we cannot guarantee you will receive it before the end of term. In order to safeguard our children, we would ask that private photographs and films are not made but that films are purchased via the school and photos downloaded from the QE website.

Actors should return to school at 6.45 p.m. There is little required in the way of make-up but it would be helpful if you could apply a layer of light foundation to your child before they leave home so that the stage lights will not leave them washed out. Chorus members should return to school at 7.00 p.m. wearing costumes as advised by the teachers.

The children should go straight to 3C (boys) and 3L (girls) classrooms where there will be a member of staff to look after them. If your child arrives before the time given above, we will not be able to let them into school as there may not be a member of staff available to supervise them. We expect to finish at about 8.45 p.m. Your child will be dismissed from the hall, so if you are not in the audience, please come into the school entrance foyer once the play has finished to collect your child. We will not be able to allow any child to leave unaccompanied without written permission.

A bar will be available before the show and during the interval, selling wine, beer and soft drinks, so after you have dropped off your child and chosen your seat, please come back out and into 5W's classroom or the courtyard (depending on the weather!) for some refreshments. If anyone is able to help serve drinks on either night, please let the office know.

Thank you for your co-operation. I do hope you enjoy the performance.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 6 Teachers

"Ebony Black and the 7 Gnomes"

Child's name:

Class:

My child is available for both performances of the production.

I would like

* tickets for Wednesday's evening performance and * tickets for Thursday's evening performance.

I would like to order * copies of the DVD and enclose £.....

*enter number

I am available to help on the bar at Wednesday's performance

I am available to help on the bar at Thursday's performance

Signed..... Date.....