

## **PRODUCTIONS 2010**

I am pleased to announce the productions for 2010 will be Buggy Malone and Half a Sixpence. To offer as many opportunities as possible, the school will be divided into two. Classes 1,2,5,6,7,8 and 9 will perform Buggy Malone and Classes 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 will perform Half a Sixpence.

The children gain so much from working together towards such productions. We are very fortunate to be able to perform at the Chelmsford Civic Theatre and with costumes, scenery, lights and a live orchestra this year, it will be a very exciting time. It is also a busy and I'm afraid an expensive time. I therefore have put together all anticipated costs and key dates for you to look at, before you commit. Work will start in January. If you decide not to take part in the production, your place in class will be held until September 2010.

### **REHEARSALS**

**To achieve a successful, enjoyable production, attendance is vital.** Most rehearsals will take place in lesson time. However, there will be times where classes will be joined together, on different days and sometimes more than once a week. I will let you know of these alterations as much in advance as possible. Apart from the following full cast, band, stage and tech/dress rehearsals, there will not be additional charges for these. Those with principal roles will be given a separate rehearsal schedule. Please bear with me if things need to change nearer the time.

#### **HALF A SIXPENCE FULL CAST REHEARSAL - ALL CAST REQUIRED**

DATE: SUNDAY JUNE 27TH

TIME: TBC

PLACE: TBC.

COST: £5.00

#### **BUGSY MALONE FULL CAST REHEARSAL - ALL CAST REQUIRED**

DATE: SUNDAY JUNE 13TH

TIME: TBC

PLACE: TBC.

COST: £5.00

#### **BUGSY MALONE & HALF A SIXPENCE - BAND CALL - ALL CAST REQUIRED**

DATE: SUNDAY JULY 11TH

TIME: TBC

PLACE: TBC.

COST: £5.00

#### **STAGE REHEARSALS - ALL REQUIRED**

BUGSY MALONE - MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JULY,  
HALF A SIXPENCE - - TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY

TIMES: TBC

PLACE: CHELMSFORD CIVIC THEATRE

COST: £10

#### **DRESS REHEARSAL - ALL REQUIRED**

BUGSY MALONE - WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JULY,  
HALF A SIXPENCE - THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY

TIME: TBC

PLACE: CHELMSFORD CIVIC THEATRE

COST: £10

**TOTAL EXTRA REHEARSAL COST:- £30. To be paid by the end of May please.**

## **PERFORMANCES**

DATE: FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY

TIME: 7.30PM - BUGSY MALONE

DATE: SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JULY

TIME: 11.00 - BUGSY MALONE , 3.00PM - HALF A SIXPENCE, , 7.30PM - HALF A SIXPENCE

PLACE: CHELMSFORD CIVIC THEATRE

TICKETS: Ticket information tbc

**COSTUMES** Costumes are becoming more and more expensive and we are still striving to keep costs to a minimum. Some things we will ask you to provide, some we will make, some will be bought and some hired. You can keep the costumes after the event, unless they have been hired from a costumiers or the school.. The total costume cost from the school or a costumiers could be up to £50. As all costumes are so individual, the collection of fees can get complicated. Therefore to ease this, please could everyone pay an initial £20 by the end of February. You will then be invoiced for the balance to be paid by the end of June. Details will follow.

**REGISTRATION FEE** This fee goes towards the cost of scenery, music, licenses and CRBs.

REGISTRATION FEE COST: £20

**PROGRAMME** Photographs of the cast will be taken in uniform in class. If anyone would like to advertise in the programme, please let me know. There will also be an opportunity for parents and friends to send a member of cast a special good luck message. Details will follow.

**COSTUME CHECK / PHOTO SHOOT** This is an ideal opportunity to check all costumes are correct and also a photographer will take individual and class photographs of the children in costume, which will be available for you to purchase if you wish, at the show.

DATE: FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY

TIME: AFTER SCHOOL/EVENING exact times tbc.

PLACE: THE FOLD

**AUDITIONS - (CLASS 2 UPWARDS.)** All students will have an important part to play in the productions. Auditions will be held for class 2 upwards in class for some of the roles. Recalls will be on Friday 4th December between 4.30 and 8.30pm. Please find enclosed your child's audition sheets. All students do need to audition for all parts on the sheet. I do not expect words to be learnt for all, but please rehearse and think of moves and characterisation - it is also a good idea to learn their favourite off by heart, to really be able to go for it!

**VOCAL TRAINING** Alastair Mcilwraith is kindly going to be on board for the productions as our vocal coach.. If anyone would also like individual coaching please speak with me.

**HELP PLEASE!** In order to put on successful productions, I do appeal to you for your help and support. If you or anyone you know would be interested in assisting in any of the following, it would really be appreciated. Please let me or the mentioned names know asap.

**CLASS REPS** - The role of the Class Rep is mainly to organise the dressing room cover, to feed any questions from other parents in the class to me and assist the costume designers with trying on costumes. Thank you to all those who have previously been Class Reps and to those who are continuing with their role. Your job is invaluable. Current Class Reps are:-

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>NAME OF REP.</b>	<b>TEL</b>	<b>E-MAIL</b>
2	CLARE BATES	01277 201043	<a href="mailto:clare.bates@tiscali.co.uk">clare.bates@tiscali.co.uk</a>
3	SUSAN WARD	01277 225948	<a href="mailto:susan.ward@virgin.net">susan.ward@virgin.net</a>
4	LESLEY HISKETT	01277 201255	<a href="mailto:l.hiskett@btinternet.com">l.hiskett@btinternet.com</a>

5	REBECCA PARKER	01277 62255	<a href="mailto:ashnbecs@googlemail.com">ashnbecs@googlemail.com</a>
6	SUE NEWBY	01277 211377	<a href="mailto:sue.newby@virgin.net">sue.newby@virgin.net</a>
7	JANICK KEYWORTH	01277 219414	<a href="mailto:martinkeyworth.mdkdesign@virgin.net">martinkeyworth.mdkdesign@virgin.net</a>
8	LINDA GAFFARENA	01277 655026	<a href="mailto:lingaf22@hotmail.com">lingaf22@hotmail.com</a>
9	FIONA CHAPMAN	01277 202334	<a href="mailto:fiona@ralstonchapman.fsnet.co.uk">fiona@ralstonchapman.fsnet.co.uk</a>
10	GAYE ROBJOHNS	01277 212091	<a href="mailto:gaye.robjohns@talktalk.net">gaye.robjohns@talktalk.net</a>
11	FIONA CHAPMAN	01277 202334	<a href="mailto:fiona@ralstonchapman.fsnet.co.uk">fiona@ralstonchapman.fsnet.co.uk</a>
12	JILL TUCKWOOD	01277 222886	<a href="mailto:jilltuckwood@yahoo.co.uk">jilltuckwood@yahoo.co.uk</a>
14	ANGIE BARNES	01277 623214	<a href="mailto:angie.mbarnes@hotmail.co.uk">angie.mbarnes@hotmail.co.uk</a>

**Therefore, we are looking for Class Reps for Classes 1,7 and 13 please?**

**DRESSING ROOM HELPERS** We require 4 x dressers per class. ie 2 for each performance and useful if those same 4 have also helped at either the Stage or Dress Rehearsal at the theatre. It is a legal requirement that all helpers with the children have CRB disclosure. If you have one which has been carried out by Essex County Council and is no more than 2 years old at the date of the show, this can be used, so please contact your Class Rep by Christmas if you are able to help. If you don't have a CRB, but would still like to help, ECC are holding 2 evenings in the New Year where CRBs can be obtained. Again please contact your Class Rep by Christmas and they will give you further details. Sorry it seems so early but although a simple procedure it is rather a lengthy one!

- **STAGE HANDS** - To shift the scenery during rehearsals & performances at the theatre.
- **STAGE MANAGERS** - To assist with chaperoning the kids on and off the stage.
- **PROPS MASTER** - To source props and ensure they are in the right place at the right time during performances.
- **MARKETING** - To source advertisers for the programme and distribute leaflets and posters.
- **CRICKET WHITES** - We do need lots of Cricket Whites of various sizes - trousers/jumpers/tank tops. Please let me know if anyone one has any old ones, or ones they are prepared to lend to the school.
- **TAILOR'S DUMMY** - Again if anyone has one of these they are prepared to lend the school, please let me know.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND COSTS**

SAT 28 <sup>TH</sup> NOV, TUE 1 <sup>ST</sup> & THUR 3 <sup>RD</sup> DEC	AUDITIONS IN CLASS (CLASS 2 UPWARDS)
FRI 4 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	RECALLS
BY THE END OF JANUARY	PLEASE PAY £20 REGISTRATION FEE
BY THE END OF JANUARY	TERM FEES DUE
BY THE END OF FEBRUARY	PLEASE PAY INITIAL £20 COSTUME FEE
BY THE END OF APRIL	TERM FEES DUE
BY THE END OF MAY	REHEARSAL FEES DUE
SUNDAY JUNE 13 <sup>TH</sup>	COMPLETE RUN THROUGH OF HALF A SIXPENCE
SUNDAY JUNE 27 <sup>TH</sup>	COMPLETE RUN THROUGH OF BUGSY
BY THE END OF JUNE	BALANCE OF COSTUMES TO BE PAID
SUNDAY JULY 11 <sup>TH</sup>	BAND CALL BUGSY & HALF A SIXPENCE -
	ALL STUDENTS REQUIRED
FRIDAY JULY 16 <sup>TH</sup>	COSTUME FIT/PHOTOSHOOT
MONDAY JULY 19 <sup>TH</sup>	STAGE REHEARSAL BUGSY -
TUESDAY JULY 20 <sup>TH</sup>	STAGE RHEARSAL - HALF A SIXPENCE

WEDNESDAY JULY 21ST  
THURSDAY JULY 22ND  
FRIDAY JULY 23RD  
SATURDAY JULY 24TH

DRESS/TECH REHEARSAL BUGSY  
DRESS/TECH REHEARSAL HALF A SIXPENCE  
PERFORMANCE BUGSY  
PERFORMANCES BUGSY & HALF A SIXPENCE X 2

Thank you for taking time to read the above. I can not stress enough what a great experience show time is, but please understand it is a busy time! Please could you complete the following and return to our Administration Address with the £20 Registration Fee per child by the end of January. Please make cheques payable to Frances' School of Drama. If you do not wish to take part in the production, please let me know by November 28<sup>th</sup> - .ie. the first auditions!

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**FRANCES' SCHOOL OF DRAMA**  
**PRODUCTION 2010**

NAME .....CLASS .....

**I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART IN THE PRODUCTIONS 2010.**  
**I ENCLOSE THE £20 REGISTRATION FEE**

SIGNED .....

NAME .....