

Dear Parents/Carers,



Re: J Rock, March 2nd 2018 - Final Arrangements.

Firstly, please can I apologise as there will be an awful lot of information in this letter, however it seemed sensible to cover as many aspects as possible in one communication rather than send multiple letters!

J Rock rehearsals are going brilliantly and we have reached the exciting time whereby costumes, set and choreography are all coming together very nicely indeed. The children are integrating brilliantly for our first ever Federation entry. Please see rehearsal schedule for the remainder of the term on the reverse of this letter.

Additional Rehearsal

We would like to give you advanced notice that it is our intention to offer an additional full dress rehearsal on Monday 12th February at Newchurch Primary School. This is during half term and will give the children a chance to have several rehearsals in full costume and with the full set. **All performers and stage crew will be required.** Children should wear their J Rock T Shirt and black leggings, Track suit bottoms (no denim or obvious logos please) and bring a light packed lunch and drink. However please could the following timings be adhered to:

9.30am Fire and Storm

10.30am Eels

11.00am All other performers and stage crew to arrive at school.

1.45pm - All children to be collected from School Hall.

These timings will allow us to dress all characters in their full make-up for the rehearsals. Please ensure your child has sufficient baby wipes to remove their face paints should you have a commitment after picking them up from school at 1.45pm!

March 2nd - Performance Day!

Our performance will take place at Portsmouth Guildhall. Thank you to all parents who have purchased tickets to support our team, loud cheers really do help to motivate and encourage the performers so I am hoping that you will all be in good voice on the day!

The team need to be at the Guildhall in good time and so we are booked on the **8.47am Fast Cat**. It is essential that your child is dropped off by an adult at the wet end of Ryde Pier Head, Wightlink Terminal at 8.15am where a member of staff will register their attendance. If your child is not on time they will miss the experience and will be expected to attend school rather than perform on the day. Any

children who require medication including inhalers, epi pens etc will need to ensure that these are handed to an adult when registering.

Children will be expected to wear their J Rock t-shirt and black bottoms, no denim (legging, joggers with no obvious logos). It is very sensible and very much encouraged that performers wear their own flesh coloured underwear as the florescent lighting can often cause embarrassment for children wearing other colours. Comfortable shoes (trainers) and a waterproof are essential as we will be walking the short distance from the ferry terminal to the Guildhall - whatever the weather!

The children will need a sensible supply of food and drink for the day. It is suggested that breakfast is consumed before arriving for the boat and they will certainly need lunch, tea and snacks as there is no facility to purchase food or drinks at the Guildhall. Usual rules apply please e.g. no fizzy drinks, glass bottles, no nut products or excessive amounts of sweets. The children will need energy for the long day and so healthy products that will supply energy over sustained periods would probably be the best choice!

Children will also need to bring their own comb/hairbrush for adults to use when creating their fabulous hair designs. It may be that some designs involve coloured hairspray but we have researched and will only use those that will wash out with shampoo! It is likely that most of the performers will require some stage make up and therefore please sign the consent form to give permission for both hair and make-up to be done as per your child's character.

It is a very long day of rehearsals and there will be significant periods when the children may need to amuse themselves and so a pocket book, card game, puzzle or colouring book may assist but please no valuable items. Photography is not permitted and so mobile phones or cameras are not allowed.

Showtime!

The competition will start at 6.30pm with doors opening at 6pm. We are competing against 8 other schools and so it is likely that performances will continue until approximately 9.15pm. After this the judges take some time to deliberate before returning to present the results and awards. The competition hopes to finish at 10.00pm but in my experience this can often be much later, however with good organisation we can still all hopefully make the 10.45pm Fast Cat home. I have requested and it has been agreed that The Federation of Nettlestone & Newchurch Primary School can perform in the first half of the show. Unfortunately, once the children have performed they are not permitted to watch the rest of the show and will remain backstage until the results are shared at the very end.

Performing in the first half presents us with several options. Should you wish, you can watch the show until the interval and then collect your child to take them to an earlier boat. Providing we know in advance who would like to do this we can arrange for you to meet your child outside on the steps of the Guildhall during the interval at 8pm. Should you wish to watch as much of the show as you can but still make it in time for the 9.20pm Fast Cat we can arrange for you to meet your child outside at the end of the performances at 9.00pm. Should you wish to watch the whole show inclusive of the results you will need to collect your child at 10.00pm from outside of the Guildhall and make your way along with us to the Fast Cat for the 10.45pm boat. It is assumed that those children who have no adults watching the show will return back on the Fast Cat with staff and will need collecting at 11pm from the wet end of Ryde Pier unless written consent is received that you have made alternative arrangements for your child

to travel back with another adult on an earlier boat. It is essential that you inform us of your preference for return travel on the slip below in order that we make appropriate plans. It is incredibly challenging to change arrangements on the day.


I promise that if you are unable to stay until the end of the show I will post the results of the competition as soon as they are known using the usual school communication methods (Facebook, School App etc) in order that you are aware of any successes!

Thank you

Once again I would like, on behalf of everyone involved in J Rock to say thank you to all for your continued support. Without the help of the community we wouldn't to be able to begin to think about undertaking such a performance. It really is appreciated.

I really hope that you enjoy the show and look forward to seeing as many as possible of you at the Guildhall on the 2nd March!

Kind Regards



Miss Howarth

The Federation Nettlestone & Newchurch Primary School - J Rock 2017

I give permission for my child _____ to have face paint and hair colour as necessary.

My child **WILL/ WILL NOT** be able to attend the rehearsal on 12th February at Newchurch Primary School (*delete as apt)

2nd March 2017

My child will be collected by _____

*I would like to collect my child during the interval (8pm approx)

*I would like to collect my child at the end of the performances (9pm approx)

*I would like to collect my child for the Guildhall at the end of the competition (10pm approx)

* I will be collecting my child from the wet end of Ryde Pier Ferry Terminal at 11pm

(please highlight chosen option)

Signed _____

Rehearsal schedule Spring Term:

Wednesday 17 th January	All cast required - collection at 4pm
Wednesday 24 th January	All cast required - collection at 4pm
Wednesday 31 st January	All cast required - collection at 4pm
Tuesday 6 th February	All cast required - collection at 4pm
Wednesday 7 th February	All cast required - collection at 4pm
Thursday 8 th February	All cast required - collection at 3pm
Monday 12 th February	See above for more details - Rehearsals at Newchurch
Tuesday 20 th February	All cast required - collection at 4pm
Wednesday 21 st February	All cast required - collection at 4pm
Tuesday 27 th February	All cast required - collection at 4pm
Wednesday 28 th February	All cast required - collection at 4pm

Many thanks.