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Dear Parents and Carers of children in KS2,

I am aware that there has been some talk in the playground regarding the school putting on a performance of the Lion King in July. I would like to clarify the situation for you.

On our KS2 topic cycle this year the term 5 and 6 theme is 'What a performance' this covers the National Curriculum requirements for English (reading, writing and speaking and listening), design technology, art, music and IT.

Two years ago we put on a performance of 'The Tempest' which was run by one of our Governors and a teacher at the school at that time. This was highly successful and the children enjoyed taking on various roles and have fond memories of it. This year Ruth Lilley has offered to direct The Lion King for us as it has the capacity to involve all of the children in KS2. Through the topic work in class the children will be studying Africa, learning about all aspects of putting on a performance, writing and analysing play scripts and using the theme to produce art work and develop music skills through samba. Ruth has obtained funding for the script, licence and learning materials and is co-ordinating the production. (One of the stipulations in the licence is that there is no deviation from the original script, therefore additional parts can't be added). Teachers at the school have met with Ruth to share how the production fits in to the class curriculum. The aim is for Arts Fortnight to focus on a lot of the costume and set design with involvement from everyone.

In the meantime those with a large role in the singing and dancing, such as the chorus, will have practices on Tuesday afternoons during school time and those who have lines to perform will practice after school on Wednesday. The school choir will play a significant role in this and all children are able to join this.

I have spoken to the children today and am aware that some are unhappy about not getting a speaking part after auditioning. I have told them that the significant roles in the chorus e.t.c will initially go to those that want them in Year 6 and that we hope to meet everyone's expectations, so all children who want to be on stage, will be. Those that do not want to be on stage will have key roles in music, marketing, lighting, make up, design e.t.c. We hope to organise all the roles in the next week.

If you are aggrieved by this process please do come and talk to me in person. Our aim is to provide all the children with an exciting learning experience. Also if you would have experience in any of the aspects of putting on a performance, we would be delighted to hear from you. It would be great if we could give the children the opportunity to meet with make up artists, designers, marketing and promotional managers.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachel West

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