

13th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Key Stage 1 and 2 Christmas Variety Performances

We are really excited to tell you about this year's Key Stage 1 and 2 Christmas Variety performances. This year, we are taking the children to perform in a theatre: Johnson Hall at Millfield! This will give the children the experience of performing on a proper stage with lights, sound and a more formal audience arrangement. Johnson Hall is a much bigger venue and will enable us to hold all Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 performances on the same day (please find directions overleaf).

All children will perform on **Wednesday 13th December**, as follows:

- **Years 1 and 2 – performing 2.15-3.00pm**
Performing children to arrive at 1.30pm – the Academy will organise transport to Johnson Hall for Year 1 and 2 children. Parents to collect children from Johnson Hall by 3.15pm, at the latest – please let us know if this is an issue for you.
- **Years 3 and 4 – performing 6.00-6.45pm**
Parents to deliver performing Year 3 and 4 children to Johnson Hall at 5.30pm. Parents to collect children from Johnson Hall by 7.00pm, unless they have an older sibling taking part in the Year 5/6 performance, in which case they will be supervised by our staff until the Year 5/6 performance ends.
- **Years 5 and 6 – performing 7.00-7.45pm**
Parents to deliver performing Year 5 and 6 children to Johnson Hall at 6.30pm, unless they have a younger sibling taking part in the Year 3/4 performance, in which case they may arrive with their younger sibling at 5.30pm and they will be supervised by our staff until the Year 5/6 performance. Parents to collect all children from Johnson Hall by 8.00pm, at the latest.

We will write to you closer to the time giving final details of the arrangements.

For our Year 1 to 6 children in Specialist Provision, parents should liaise with their child's class teacher beforehand about their performance.

Please read the following booking information very carefully.

Although a much bigger venue, as year groups are performing as a 'whole' we are only able to offer ***two*** seats to Parents and Carers who have 'Parental Responsibility' for the child performing, ***in the first instance***. Please supply the name(s) of who these seats are for when you make your booking. Once these bookings have been made and the booking system closes, we will email again asking for additional seat requests, to ensure fairness.

Please book your seat(s) via the Parents Evening booking system on our website:

<https://brooksideacademy.co.uk/Parents-Evening/>

Bookings go live at 6.00pm today (13th November) and will close at midnight on 26th November. Please contact the Academy Office if you experience any difficulty with this system.

There is no charge for this event. However, voluntary donations for **Great Ormand Street Hospital** can be made on the door.

NO PHOTOS OR VIDEO

Unfortunately, due to the fact that my requests for pictures 'not' being shared on Facebook have been ignored in the past, as well as an increasing need to protect our families, I have no option but to impose a blanket ban on all photography and video during this year's performances or at any other time when visiting the Academy site. This is to safeguard our vulnerable children and families. I would not wish you to inadvertently expose a child to the risk of harm and put pressure on loving families.

Anyone caught taking photos or video will be asked to stop or leave the premises.

If you have any questions or concerns about these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



Brian Walton

Directions to Johnson Hall, Millfield School, Butleigh Road, Street, BA16 0YD

Please park in the Main Car Park (shown at the top of the map below) and make your way to Johnson Hall (building 'No. 6' on the map below).

