COPTHORNE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Year 3 & 4 Spring Term Update - March 2019

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Dear Parents

I thought I would take this opportunity before the term finishes to write to you all about a few things.

Mary Poppins

Firstly, many thanks for all the support you have given throughout the past few weeks in our production of Mary Poppins. Costumes look fantastic, lines have been practised and learned and songs sung perfectly. Without your support these things wouldn't happen so it is greatly appreciated.

The deadline for tickets was Friday and many thanks for all of you who have responded. You should have received your tickets via your child/children. If you have not received them then please let us know and we will send you out new ones. There are very few tickets left for the Tuesday performance with both the Monday and Thursday performances now sold out. With this in mind, we do not have any spare tickets to give out as nearly all families have taken up their allocation of four tickets leaving no room left in the theatre. I'm very sorry about this but there is a maximum capacity in the theatre and for safety reasons we can't over fill it. The DVD of the play will be available to purchase and you should have received a letter on how to do this.

Performances will begin at 6.30pm and will last for 60 - 75 minutes. If you are picking up your child from school after the play on any night I would suggest getting to school between 7.45pm – 8.00pm. This will be a very tiring week for all the children but one that I am sure will be extremely worthwhile. In previous years it has always struck me how everyone pulls together and puts in a massive team effort to make this a success.

Rehearsals over the past few weeks have meant some changes to normal timetables. For a production to be successful we do have to plan in rehearsal times during the school day. We do try and make as little impact as possible to learning but in some weeks odd lessons will have been missed. Please be reassured that after next week, normal timetables will be used and lessons will be taken as usual.

A couple of things before the end of term

Every year Copthorne invite a French theatre company to perform a play to the school. This links in with the children's MFL curriculum and is always a fantastic event. This year will see the company come to school on the 20th March to perform their latest play to your children.

Iron Man Competition

Many thanks to all the children who brought in their own version of the Iron Man for the Year 3 competition. I must apologise for the time it has taken to come up with some winners. All children who brought in an entry should have received 8 effort stars for their efforts and will receive a Headmaster's commendation in the coming days. There will be a winner from each class which will be announced at the start of next week. Well done to all the children who took part. All of your entries are great and choosing a winner really is a difficult task.

This term has been another excellent one that has involved so much. Children have been to Kew Gardens, had a Roman Day and made great progress in their learning amongst a whole host of other things that have seen the past few weeks fly by. I do hope that you all have a lovely Easter and that your children get a well-earned rest before the final term of this academic year.

Best wishes

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