

13th October 2023

### Activities Week 2024 – London Theatre Trip

Dear parents/guardians,

It's the time of the year when staff are considering the activities they can offer for next year's activities week and we are once again organising two trips to London's West End theatres. The cost of each trip is £48 per head including and your theatre ticket.

Please bear in mind that when you are signing up for this trip, there are other trips on offer at the same time. Please note that the deposit is non-refundable as the tickets have to be paid for well in advance in order to secure them.

The first trip will be Wednesday 10th of July and the show will be Matilda. This is a whizzpopsicle musical and a delight for all children. It sets the perfect tone of humour that appeals to both wonder struck children and adults alike. It has a warming atmosphere, and you will be amazed by the moving set pieces, and the adaption of the incredible story from the original book by Roald Dahl. The show is on at the Cambridge Theatre London.

The second trip will be Thursday 11th of July to see Frozen the musical. The magical elements are captured so well in this amazing production from screen to theatre. Machinery transforms the stage into a magical Ice Palace in front of your eyes and Queen Elsa into the sparkling Ice Queen she is. The show is on at the Theatre Royal, Dury Lane.

Both trips involve an early coach departure from school to arrive in London's Westfields shopping centre around mid-morning. Here pupils will have the opportunity for some shopping and to grab some lunch. Please note that whilst at Westfields, students will be able to shop in small groups without adult supervision, however there will be plenty of staff in Westfields and students will be given a mobile phone contact number for emergencies. We will then travel to the theatre, for the matinee performance of the show (each show lasts for approximately 2.5 hours). We will then board the coach and return to school for approximately 8:45pm. Exact details and timings will be given out in a letter closer to activities week.

To secure a place on the trip please pay a non-refundable deposit of £20 by Friday 27th October 2023 (the remainder of the money should be paid along with the other activities booked for the week) via scopay. When paying your deposit please select the show that your child would like to attend. Balcarras School has set up an Online Payment System. It would be much appreciated if parents could use this system when paying for this trip, as it will significantly reduce administration time. It is a user-friendly system and easily accessible ([www.balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk) and click on £payments on the blue bar at the top). If you need help setting up the online system, please contact Mrs Davis: [sed@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:sed@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk). The total cost for each trip individually is £48.

We have been running theatre trips for many years now and it is always very popular. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me [jmc@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:jmc@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk) or [ajn@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ajn@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk)

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Kind regards,

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