



# Benedict Biscop C.E. Academy

*"Every child is cherished as a unique individual" – Ofsted 2012*

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*'With God, all things are possible'*

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As you may be aware, Year 4 have been studying Hamlet in conjunction with the Royal Shakespeare Company and we are excited to share that they will be performing at Bishop Auckland Town Hall, Bishop Auckland on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. This is part of the ongoing Associate Schools' Programme between the RSC, our school and a number of others in the Sunderland and Durham area.

We will be leaving school at 9am to allow us rehearsal time prior to the performance – we ask, therefore that children attend school for 8:45am, arriving through the School Office. Children will require a packed lunch for the day. If you are in receipt of free school meals, this can be provided from school – please contact the school office if you require a packed lunch.

All children should wear a plain black top and black trousers/leggings for the performance – some children will require additional items which will be worn as "signifiers" throughout the performance; we will endeavour to provide these where possible, however some items may already be in wardrobes at home – we will be in touch with you should we need your support with this.

The performance will start at 1.00pm, but any parents/carers attending the performance should arrive at the Town Hall from 12:30pm. Each child has been allocated 1 ticket; unfortunately, we are unable to allocate more than one ticket per child due to The Town Hall seating capacity and tickets having to be divided fairly between the schools performing – these will be £10 each and can be purchased through your child's SchoolMoney account. Children will stay with staff until the last school has performed and we are not allowed to leave before all schools have performed; this is to ensure that the last school performing will have an audience and that performances are not interrupted by people leaving early. We expect the performance to finish at approximately 2:30pm and children are able to leave the venue with the parent/ carer attending.

If you have wheelchair or mobility issues, please contact the school office as soon as possible so that we can inform the venue to accommodate you.

As of yet, we have not booked a return bus from the venue. To determine whether we need to do this, please complete the [RSC Performance Form](#) (by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March), to allow us to establish the demand for tickets as well as whether your child will need transport back to school. We will then send tickets home with children by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Clark  
Deputy Headteacher



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