



**BIG LITTLE FESTIVAL WEEKEND
St Peters School (6th & 7th March 2010)**

INFORMATION PACK

**INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION
(WHITE)**

Dear All

We are now finalising arrangements for our fourth annual festival weekend in which every Big Little student is expected to perform. The weekend is a full programme of showcases and events for all the family to enjoy. It has become our most successful Big Little event with regard to camaraderie, family entertainment and fun.

Obviously your main priority will be to watch your own wonderful children but we encourage all students and families to support and enjoy some of the other events. All students are encouraged to support their fellow students. Apart from the main theatre showcases that will be timetabled throughout the two days, our very popular "Performance Platforms" will take place in the smaller studio theatre.

Permission to perform (LILAC FORM)

By law, all students require written permission from their parent or guardian to take part in this event. Please complete and sign the attached form to confirm your consent for your child to participate in the event. Any students who do not return a signed permission form will not be able to perform in Festival. We cannot finalise arrangements until all of these are received by the office so we would be grateful if you could return your completed form ASAP.

Performance Platforms (PLEASE SEE BLUE LETTER)

Schedule, Availability & Rehearsals (YELLOW LETTER)

The students and staff have been working so hard to bring this event together. Please ensure that all rehearsals are attended promptly and full uniform is worn.

If you have not informed us of any attendance problems for rehearsals, please do so immediately so that we can do all that we can to accommodate this. If students cannot, for whatever reason, attend rehearsals, it is possible that they will not be able to participate in the performance of certain numbers. Absences can be requested by emailing fiona@biglittle.biz or by completing an absence request form.

All Saturday Youth theatre groups (including Focus Youth Theatre) will perform their showcase on both Saturday and Sunday. We are aware that various students are involved in more than one showcase and this will be carefully considered when scheduling all platform events. Saturday Youth Theatres will be held at St Peter's, Southbourne on the 27th Feb instead of Bournemouth School for Girls.

Passport Tickets - orders now being taken (GREEN FORM)

Passport tickets cover entry for the entire weekend and need to be stamped and validated each day at "Passport Control" in the hospitality area. After this, they can be used for entry into all performances. To order your passports please complete the attached form and they will be personalised and forwarded to you. Festival Passports are £8.00 each and all current Big Little students and under 5's are free of charge.

When ordering passport tickets, it is important to list who each ticket will be used by, as all passports are personalised and only valid for one ticket holder.

Catering, Hospitality and Reception

We are delighted that the Friends of Big Little will, once again, be providing delicious hot food, licensed bar and refreshments. We would like to appeal for donations for the ever popular cake stall, which always sells out well before the end of the event. Fun stalls & competitions & a grand raffle draw will be run throughout the weekend in the hospitality area.

New and secondhand uniform will also be on sale with stock at St Peter's for immediate collection.

Also returning this year by popular demand is Bongo! Which will be played before many of the showcases in the main auditorium. Bongo tickets are available for free when you validate your passport ticket.

Costumes

A separate sheet will be given to each group indicating the costume items that will be required. Costume is kept to a minimum at festival and full BLTS uniform is essential for all students. All girls in Footlights, Limelights, Starlights and PDP will require a Big Little black lycra performance skirt. These must be obtained as soon as possible as they are used for rehearsals for the show. These will also be required for the Spotlight show in the Summer.

All personal items including costumes, make up, props, lyric sheets etc will need to be brought to the theatre in a single box clearly labelled with the student's name and class. Please ensure all items that are brought to the theatre are individually labelled - especially uniform. We recommend that students avoid bringing valuables to the theatre wherever possible.

If you have any further questions regarding the festival, please do not hesitate to call the office.

Sincerely,

Michelle

Michelle Guy
Principal