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Dear Parents and Carers of children in our dance squad

Cramlington and Seaton Valley schools dance festival at the Newcastle Eagles Community Arena

I am delighted that your child has joined our dance squad. We are practising a dance so we can take part in the **Cramlington and Seaton Valley schools dance festival** at the **Newcastle Eagles Community Arena**.

This is a magnificent opportunity for our children to dance in front of a huge audience in an arena. The dance festival will take place on **Wednesday 03 July** between 5:30pm and 7:00pm. This letter is to tell you about rehearsals before the festival, arrangements on the day of the festival and the festival itself.

Rehearsals before the festival

We have been rehearsing at lunchtime. We are dancing to "Crocodile Rock" by Elton John. In the run up to the festival we need to continue to rehearse so the children develop more confidence with the dance and the art of performing. We will continue to rehearse in school time but I will be running some additional rehearsals. These will be on-

- Monday 24 June 3:15pm to 4:00pm;
- Friday 28 June 3:15pm to 4:00pm;
- Tuesday 01 July 3:15pm to 4:00pm

I appreciate that this looks like a lot of rehearsals but we want the children to feel as confident as possible. I know that some children may not be able to come to all three rehearsals, but I would be grateful if they can attend as many as possible if not all.

Organisation on Tuesday 03 July before the festival

Dancers are being picked up by coach from school at 2:40pm and we will go to the Newcastle Eagles Community Arena. There will be a technical rehearsal on arrival followed by the children eating their packed tea. They will need to **bring a packed tea to school**. We will keep them in the fridge and give them to the children before they get on the coach at 2:40pm.

The children should wear their **school uniform** to school as normal but they will change in to their dance outfit before we leave school. We will be able to take one bag each to the venue which must fit under the seat. The children will put their uniform in their bag and take it to the arena.

I would be very grateful if any parents could come with us on the coach and during the run up to the start of the festival. Please make a note on the reply slip.

Organisation on Tuesday 03 July at the festival

The festival will run from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Doors will open at 5:00pm for spectators. The running order allows time for each school to perform their dance in full. Children will be sitting in the arena and will be able to watch all of the schools perform.

At the end of the festival parents and carers will be asked to come to the area where our children are sitting so children can be safely returned to their parents. There is no transport provided for children to get home. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to collect their child from the arena and take them home.

Tickets

Parents and carers are very much encouraged to watch their child taking part. Each school has been allocated a block of seats for their parents and carers. Tickets are allocated directly to schools so that parents do not have to go to the arena to buy the tickets. It means that we have a dedicated block of seats in the arena so our parents and carers will be sitting together in the same part of the arena.

Tickets cost £5.000 each. There is no limit to the number of tickets that each family can buy. Please make a note on the reply slip if you want tickets. **I need to know how many tickets parents and carers want by Wednesday 26 June.** This is so any tickets that we don't want from our allocation of tickets can be returned to the arena for general sale.

If you want tickets and can pay for them by **Wednesday 26 June**, please do. If you want tickets but need a bit more time to pay for them, this is fine. However, I must know how many tickets you want by **Wednesday 26 June**.

Spare tickets may be available if all families do not take up their 2 tickets. I will let you know if this is the case. Tickets are available to buy on the door and cost £5.00. Cash sales only.

If any parents want to discuss concessionary rates (for children and/or OAPs etc) I would advise that you do this directly with the arena as I have no authority to agree to any change from the fixed price of £5.00.

If any parents want to discuss any issues with tickets (eg can babies attend, what are the rules on children sitting on an adult's knee etc), I would also advise that you contact the arena directly as I am not aware of the rules and would hate to give out the wrong information.

Next steps

I have attached a reply slip and ticket order form. **Please complete and return the attached reply slip and ticket order form by Wednesday 26 June 2019.**

This is going to be an amazing opportunity for our children and I am sure they will do an amazing job.

Yours sincerely

Miss Chappell
Headteacher

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Child's name	
Class	
Emergency contact number	

My child has the following medical conditions	
My child needs to take the following medication on the visit (only if prescribed by a doctor)	

Permission to take part	yes	no
I have made a note of the school rehearsal dates and give permission for my child to attend between 3:15pm and 4:00pm as per the dates provided.		
I give permission for my child to go to the Newcastle Eagles Community Arena on Wednesday 03 July by coach.		
I give permission for my child to take part in the Cramlington and Seaton Valley schools dance festival at Newcastle Eagles Community Arena on Wednesday 03 July between 5:30pm and 7:00pm.		
I am available to help on Wednesday 03 July between 2:40pm and 5:30pm.		

I will confirm if we need you to help.

Tickets	
I would like to buy _____ tickets at £5.00 each and enclose £ _____*	
I would not like to buy any tickets.	

Signed	
Date	

***Payment for tickets can be made up to 9:00am on the day of the festival.**

Please complete and return by Wednesday 26 June 2019.

