



FARINGDON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

PANTOMIME COSTUMES

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Thank you for allowing your child to take part in this year's production of 'Cinderella'. Your child should know by now what role they are playing in the chorus and as always, we are asking parents to provide them with a suitable costume. The panto is in Georgian style costume and **all of the chorus, with the exception of the fairies, will need this costume.**

Girls need a full length, full skirted, sleeved dress (or a gathered skirt and pretty blouse) that could be decorated with ribbon and bow trimmings. Fabrics can be plain, striped or floral and any colours will be acceptable, other than white or cream, which is reserved for Cinderella. (Some girls may need boys costumes – you will be told if this is the case.)

Boys need knee breeches, knee high socks, shirts and waistcoats. The knee breeches can be any colour and can be made from an old pair of trousers or plain joggers cut off below the knee and finished with elastic or a cuff (but please **no patterns, logos, side stripes or jeans**). These can be trimmed with ribbon or buttons. The shirt should be white or cream, with the collar cut off and a lace 'Jabot' (the frilly bit at the neck) and lace cuffs added! Socks can be coloured, white, grey or black (football socks work well, but please no stripes!). We will supply waistcoats.

It is very important that all children have suitable footwear as soon as possible - ballet shoes or plain black plimssoles or 'daps' for either girls or boys. Modern jazz trainers are **not** suitable for the stage as they are too bulky.

We will provide costumes for the **fairies**, and we will need parents to provide pink or white ballet tights and light-coloured ballet shoes. We will also provide costumes for any other character parts such as the animals etc.

Attached are some sketches from 'Costumes for the Stage' by Sheila Jackson to give you an idea of the look that we are after! We would like the costumes to be ready for checking on Mon 9th Jan. If you can... try to borrow from friends or pick things up in the charity shops, but **please** don't go and spend lots of money.

If these requests cause you any concerns, please call Jeni on 240912 or speak to me on Thursday evenings when you drop off your child at rehearsals... and please do ask if you need any advice about sewing, altering etc. If you feel that you could help out with making or trimming costumes, we would be very glad of any offers and we promise that we won't give you any task that is out of your comfort zone!

Jeni Summerfield & Joan Lee.