



FARINGDON DRAMATIC SOCIETY: PANTOMIME INFORMATION SHEET

2024

You will be given this form if you have been accepted for a children's part in our pantomime this year and you are in school Year 5 or above and under 18. We are really looking forward to working with you. This form is for you and your parents/guardians so please read it together.

Pantomime: The Ruby Slippers by Bex Hutchings

Venue: Elms Primary School

Performance dates: Friday 26 January 2024 - Sunday 28 January 2024 and Friday 2 February 2024 - Saturday 3 February 2024

Performance Times: 7:30pm, plus Saturdays and Sunday 2:30pm

Rehearsals: Start Monday 9th October 2023 at 7pm then every Monday (+ Thursdays for principal parts) at the United Church. No rehearsals half term week 23-27 October, also week 6-10 November.

4th January principal parts only at the church.

8th January, 7-10pm, move to the Elms Primary School, all parts.

Dress Rehearsals at the Elms Primary School:

Sunday 21st January, 2-5pm

Monday 22nd January, 7-10pm

Please ensure that your child will be available for all dress rehearsals and performances before accepting a part. The rehearsal details given here may change. Latest information will also be posted on our website at faringdondramatic.org.uk.

To help towards our costs, and for insurance purposes, we ask for a payment of **£10** per child if you are not members of FDS. Where possible, a copy of the script will be sent to you by email free of charge. If you require the whole script of about 60 pages printed on paper for you then there is a charge of **£6**. Please be aware that the director may make changes to the script as rehearsals progress.

Young people are expected to:

- Check the Rehearsal Schedule and attend rehearsals on one evening a week when required until Christmas. Principal characters will also be required to attend some extra rehearsals. After Christmas, everyone will be needed twice a week. As we near the performances, some rehearsals will run until 10:00pm – you will be told when this will happen. If you are unable to attend a rehearsal for some reason, please let the Director know in advance.
- Show respect for all members of the society and behave as asked. The Director has the right to contact parents if a child's behaviour is considered unacceptable. This may result in the child no longer being a member of the company.

FDS members are expected to:

- Work in accordance with the Child Protection Policy.
- Take appropriate steps to ensure the safety of all children at all times.

All parents/guardians are expected to:

- Ensure their children do not arrive too early for rehearsals, as there will be no adequate adult supervision before the appointed time.
- Collect (or arrange collection of) their children after rehearsals or performances. It is NOT the responsibility of the society to take children home.
- Access and read the FDS Child Protection Policy and Privacy Policy via our website. If you do not have access to the internet a hard copy will be made available on request.
- Allow your child to be filmed or photographed during the activity, with the possibility that these photographs/media recordings may be used for social media and marketing publicity. FDS will take all steps to ensure these images are used solely for the purposes for which they are intended.

Some parents may be asked to volunteer as chaperone for the children during a rehearsal or performance. Further details downloadable here – [FDS Child Protection Procedures](#). The Pantomime is a huge commitment by FDS both in staging the performances and in taking proper care of the young people who come and take part with us. We would like to thank you for all the support that you give as we could not do any of this without it.

Terms and Conditions:

Your details will not intentionally be revealed to any third party outside of the society. In order for your child to take part in the pantomime we ask you to agree to all the conditions listed below. For further details please read our [FDS Child Privacy Policy](#) and [Child Protection Policy](#).

- I agree that the details I have provided may be stored on a database for communication and health & safety reasons and may continue to be stored while needed or until I request otherwise.
- I agree to my child's name and my email address being included on a mailing list to be used by the society when considered appropriate.
- I agree that the details I have provided may be given where appropriate and necessary to members of the society for society use.
- I agree to my child being filmed or photographed during the activity, with the possibility that these photographs/media recordings may be used for social media and marketing publicity. FDS will take all steps to ensure these images are used solely for the purposes for which they are intended.
- I agree to allow any medical treatment that my child may need to be given in an emergency.