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Dear Parent / Carer

2nd November 2021

Year 4 Trip
The Nutcracker, Royal Opera House, London
Tuesday, 7th December 2021

We are delighted and excited to inform you that we have been given the opportunity to take year 4 to see the ballet performance of 'The Nutcracker' being staged at the Royal Opera House, London.

The Nutcracker has long been one of the most delightful ways to discover the enchantment of ballet and makes for a sparkling festive treat. Tchaikovsky's much-loved music is matched to a story of magic on Christmas Eve, and the journey of Clara and her Nutcracker to the Land of Sweets brings with it some of the most familiar of all ballet moments. Peter Wright's gorgeous production for The Royal Ballet keeps true to the spirit of this Russian ballet classic, and the many solo roles and ensembles show the world-class skills of the Company at its best.

Clara is given an enchanted Nutcracker doll on Christmas Eve. As midnight strikes, she creeps downstairs to find a magical adventure awaiting her and her Nutcracker.

The magician Drosselmeyer transforms the drawing room into a battle between mice and toy soldiers. During the battle, Clara saves the Nutcracker's life – so breaking a magical spell that turned him from a boy to a toy – and the Mouse King is defeated. In celebration, Drosselmeyer sweeps Clara and the Nutcracker off to the Kingdom of Sweets, where they meet the Sugar Plum Fairy and take part in a wonderful display of dances. The next morning, Clara's adventures seem to have been more than just a dream.

We will be leaving the school just before 10am and will return around 5.30pm dependant on traffic. Your child will require a home packed lunch ideally in throw away containers. Please make sure the packed lunch does not include any sweets, fizzy drinks or glass bottles **If your child normally has Free School Meals, please inform the school office by Friday 3rd December if you require the school to provide a packed lunch for this trip.**

The cost of the trip is £13.00 which should be paid via your ParentMail account by Wednesday 24th November. Please note that we are a cash free school and so do not accept CASH or CHEQUES.

All school trips are carefully planned and aim to broaden the curricular experience of the children, but can only continue if parents support them. We endeavour to keep costs to an absolute minimum. We feel that a trip of this kind is a very important and memorable part of a child's education. The school does however reserve the right not to take a student on the trip if their behaviour in school is unacceptable.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Alex Evans
Headteacher