



A LEADING EDGE SCHOOL WITH A SPECIALISM IN THE PERFORMING ARTS

8<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Dear Parent /Carer

Have I gone **MAD?** I'm afraid so.  
You're entirely **Bonkers.**  
But I'll tell you a **SECRET,**  
**ALL THE BEST PEOPLE ARE.**  
~ALICE IN WONDERLAND

## Activities Week 2015: 'Langtree in Wonderland'

Our annual Activities Week this year will take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. I am very pleased to announce that the Activities Week for 2015 will be themed around the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Alice in Wonderland, and in this respect our week will reflect many of the anniversary events which will be taking place up and down the country in the coming months. The week will be a fully inclusive programme for all Year 9 students, as well as those Year 8 students who are not going on the French trip.

The information in this letter has been provided to inform all parents of the arrangements for the week. Our advice would be the same as the King of Hearts to Alice: *'Begin at the beginning and go on until you come to the end, and then stop!'*

Given the highly creative nature of the planned activities, there will be no requirement for students to wear school uniform during this week. However, sensible, appropriate clothing will be required, especially for the Monday walk. As it is likely to be very warm, shorts, trainers and T shirts will be ideal. Students will also be asked to bring along a light waterproof, a packed lunch, sun screen and water. A BBQ will be available in school on the students' return.

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, we will be running two trips of Year 8 and Year 9 respectively. **These will be the only activities for this day and there will be no alternative programme in school. All students will be expected to take part in these visits.** For both trips, students will need to be sensibly dressed for the day with comfortable footwear as there will be quite a bit of walking! Students will also require a light waterproof, packed lunch, sun screen and water.

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## **Year 8 Trip to Oxford**

Coaches for the Year 8 trip will leave Langtree at 12.00 noon, and students are welcome to arrive at school for 11.30am if this is possible and if parents give their consent for a late arrival. If this is not possible, students can arrive at the normal time and they will be supervised until the departure time. The afternoon will include a guided walking tour of Oxford and we hope that the Mad Hatter will be joining us during the afternoon. There is the option for a limited number of students, at an extra cost of £5 for a boat trip following in Alice's footsteps. If your child wishes to go on the boat trip please tick the box on the reply slip and return with your payment for the week, or pay online. The coaches will return from Oxford at approximately 10.45pm and parents are asked to arrange lifts home at this time.

## **Year 9 Trip to Thorpe Park**

Coaches will leave Langtree on Thursday morning at 9.00am and will return at approximately 6.45pm. Again, parents are asked to arrange lifts home at this time.

The cost for all of the activities for the week will be £35.00 per student. Clearly it is simply not possible for a school to cover the costs of all additional activities of this nature and therefore parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution of this amount in order to support all of the planned activities. Parents of students eligible for the Pupil Premium are asked to contact the Finance Office for further advice. The cost of the week will be subsidised by the school, but the voluntary contribution will help us to cover the costs of:

- The BBQ lunch after our walk
- Materials for all the workshops
- The visit of Creation Theatre Company
- The Thursday day trip out

### **The cost for the week is £35.00.**

Methods of payment and return of consent/permission are as follows:

- It is possible to give permission for this trip and to pay by credit or debit card via the school website. To do this you should go to <http://langtreeschool.com> and click on the 'pay here today' icon on the front page. If you don't have your pupil link code contact finance who can give you the code
- Alternatively you can complete the reply slip and enclose a cheque in an envelope clearly labelled with the student's name and tutor group made payable to Langtree School. All cheques should be put in the red box situated in the reception area
- A cash payment should be handed into a receptionist and a receipt obtained
- If you have any query or difficulty with payment or, if your child is eligible for the pupil premium please contact the finance office.

The students will be briefed on the final arrangements closer to the start of the week. In the meantime, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. I hope that you will all want to support us in a memorable week of activities to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a true classic of English Literature for children of all ages!

The timetable of planned activities will be as follows:

<b>Monday 29 June</b>
Our traditional walk to Goring and back – with an 'Alice' theme – followed by a BBQ at school. On our return, a viewing of the most recent movie production of the famous adventure featuring Johnny Depp, to provide a context for the week.
<b>Tuesday 30 June</b>
A day of 15 themed workshops, led by Langtree staff, with a view to creating a piece of work, a piece of performing art, or an artefact, or a display, to dress the Hall for a Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Friday afternoon.
<b>Wednesday 1 July</b>
A day of drama and theatre workshops on 'Alice' with Creation Theatre Company. All students will be involved in six or seven workshop groups, with staff assigned to support and supervise.
<b>Thursday 2 July</b>
<b>Year 8:</b> a trip to Oxford to see the production at The Oxford Playhouse as well as having a walking tour of Oxford during the day. Plus optional boat trip for a limited number of students. <b>Year 9:</b> a day trip to Thorpe Park with design tasks related to the theme of 'Wonderland'.
<b>Friday 3 July</b>
P1&2: Team activities on the field with PE staff. P3&4: Final preparations for the Tea Party in groups. P5&6: An afternoon Tea Party, with some entertainment provided from the Tuesday workshops.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Holroyd  
Headteacher

## Consent for Creativity Week

STUDENT NAME:

TUTOR GROUP:

I give permission for the above named student to take part in all the activities in creativity week including the sponsored walk and all the offsite activities.

Parent Name:

Signature:

**YEAR 8 Please select for the two options below ( please tick the chosen option )**

**YEAR 8 Creativity Week**

**Total for the week £35**

I have paid using credit or debit card using the school website / enclose cash or cheque for £35.00, please delete as applicable.

**YEAR 8 Creativity Week plus Optional boat trip – additional cost of £5.00**

**Total for the week £40**

There are limited spaces for the optional boat trip, places will be allocated strictly in order of receipt of both the permission slip and the payment.

**YEAR 9 Creativity Week**

**Total for the week £35**

I have paid using credit or debit card using the school website / enclose cash or cheque for £35.00, please delete as applicable.

Emergency Contact details:

Any allergy / medical needs: