

Tuesday, 11 October 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Years 5 & 6 Trip to the Children's Bookshow - Guo Yue at the Wolsey Theatre
Little Leap Forward: a Boy in Beijing

We are very excited to let you know that we have arranged for the children in years five and six to attend the Children's Bookshow featuring the author Guo Yue at the Wolsey Theatre Ipswich on Thursday 13th October.

Guo Yue is a virtuoso of the Chinese flute and is also a very talented cook. He has worked on the soundtracks of many famous films, including *The Last Emperor* and *The Killing Fields*. He grew up in China during the Cultural Revolution and moved to England in the 1980s. Guo Yue has written a book with his wife Clare Farrow called *Little Leap Forward: a Boy in Beijing*. This beautifully illustrated book tells the story of his childhood growing up in Beijing in the 1960s. It explains how and why he developed his love of music and cooking.

During this presentation Guo Yue will share his love of music and talk about his childhood. He will also visit the school in the afternoon to work with some year 6 children. All the year 5 and 6 children will receive their own copy of Guo Yue's book.

We value enrichment activities such as these very highly; a live bookshow is something that we feel every child should experience and have chosen to fund this trip in its entirety at a cost of £5 per child. This trip is a local visit trip and therefore does not require parental permission.

The performance starts at 11am and will last about one hour. In line with our healthy schools policy, we will be walking to the theatre and back again, leaving school shortly after 10am and returning towards the latter part of the lunch break. Children will still have the usual lunch options that day; however, it will not be practical to arrange for home dinners.

Children will be required to wear school uniform and will be walking even if it is raining so please send them to school on that day in a coat appropriate for the conditions on the day.

The trip leader will be your child's class teacher. Several other members of staff will also be accompanying the children. **If you are interested in accompanying us on this trip, please contact Michele Quinton at the front office.**

During the visit the children will not be unaccompanied at any time. We will be reminding the children of the need for a high standard of behaviour throughout the trip, but would ask parents to reinforce this prior to the visit. Should behaviour fall below an acceptable level then parents may be asked to collect their child.

If we need to contact you during the day, we will do so via the contact details held in school. If medical help is required we will assume that your child's medical requirements and doctor's surgery information remain as noted on the annual data return sheet. If any of these details have changed or will be different on the day of the trip, please inform us in writing. Should you need to make emergency contact with your child during the morning, this should be done by phoning the school on 01473251605.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask either myself or your child's class teacher.

Helen Wilson (English leader)