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Dear Parents/Carers,

Alice in Wonderland Outdoor Theatre Performance

This summer why not come and enjoy Pimms and a picnic under the stars, alongside the outdoor theatre performance of Alice in Wonderland.

On Friday 22 of June at 6.00pm, the PTA are thrilled to welcome back Chapterhouse Theatre, who will perform to families and friends of Stamford Green Primary School, an all-new production of Alice in Wonderland. Over the years Chapterhouse have performed many great classics in and around the UK at many prestigious locations, including National Trust properties, Castles, Amphitheatres and Abbeys.

Doors open from 4.30pm with the performance of Alice in Wonderland beginning at 6.00pm and finishing around 8.00pm; there will be a short interval. Please bring your own picnic rug or low backed chair to enjoy the performance. If it rains, bring your waterproofs and an umbrella! Chapterhouse perform in all but the most extreme of weathers.

There will be a sizzling BBQ on site as well as an ice-cream van, but you are also welcome to bring a picnic. There will be a PTA bar selling Pimms, prosecco, wine and beer as well as soft drinks. Please note that only alcohol purchased from the PTA bar is allowed to be consumed on site. Volunteers will be enforcing the conditions of our alcohol licence so your co-operation is appreciated.

There are 500 tickets available and these will be sold on a first come first served basis. If they are not sold within a week of the performance, we will be making them available to the local community, so make sure you book early. Online tickets can be purchased on PTA events <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sgpta/>.

The pricing structure is as follows:

Families (2 adults & 2 children)	£46.00
Adults:	£15.00
Children 4 years and over:	£10.00
Children 1 – 3 years:	£1.00
Infants 0 – 1:	Free

Please note, although under ones are welcome (and free), we do need to account for them in our numbers, so don't forget to select a ticket for them as part of the booking process.

To ensure this event runs smoothly, we are kindly asking for parent volunteers from Year 3 and Year 4 to give just a little time. Please volunteer on PTA events <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sgpta/>. Many thanks in advance.

Don't miss this magical family event in the grounds of our lovely school. Book your tickets now!

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A bit more about the performance...

Take a trip down the rabbit hole with Chapterhouse Theatre Company this summer as they present the classic tale of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Join Alice as she stumbles into the magical world of Wonderland and meet a whole host of colourful characters. From the unforgettable White Rabbit and the madcap Mad Hatter to the terrifying Queen of Hearts, Alice's journey couldn't be filled with more adventure.

Presented in beautiful Victorian costume and alive with song, dance and original music, this is a production to delight the entire family.

Security and Access for Alice in Wonderland PTA Event

To ensure the safety of our children and security of our school at the PTA Theatre Event on Friday, the following access arrangements will be in place.

- 4.30pm – 5.45pm Access via East or West Gates
- After 5.45pm East Gate will be locked and access will be via West Gate only.
- After 5.45pm the West Gate will remain open

The toilets in the West Wing, just outside the Studio, will be available for use on the evening.

FAQs

- 1) What about sound? We couldn't hear last year.
We have addressed this as a matter of high priority with the theatre company. They have assured us that they will do everything possible to ensure that the sound is of good quality. Unlike last year, this performance will have been delivered several times before 22 June, so any teething problems will have been identified and rectified. We will also be providing a quieter generator and changing the seating arrangements to include an aisle with marshalls in place.
- 2) What will the seating arrangements be?
We would like to encourage families to ensure their children sit with them on a picnic rug throughout the duration of the production. Low back seating is also acceptable, but any chairs will need to be on the outside or at the back of the crowd so that no-one's view is blocked. We will define a space to be kept clear at the front of the stage. There will also be a space leading from the front to the back of the crowd to allow toilet runs, bbq/drink purchases etc. without blocking the view. We appreciate children like to sit with their friends but please can we ensure in all instances, that parental responsibility is taken/shared for all children.
- 3) How do I know my children will enjoy outdoor theatre?
If your children enjoy sitting still at the cinema, then we're confident they'll enjoy the outdoor production. Do bear in mind that the performance is two hours.
- 4) Will there be much audience participation?
No, Chapterhouse isn't like a pantomime.
- 5) What if it rains?
If it rains, then bring wet weather gear! Chapterhouse will perform in all weathers unless safety is compromised. No refunds will be given if it rains.