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Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

**IMPORTANT!** East Surrey Dance Festival tickets go on sale on MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> February. We are the **BLUE** performance, which takes place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 5:00 pm & 7:00pm.** Tickets can be purchased for either performance by contacting the Chequer Mead box office online <https://www.chequermead.co.uk/shows/star-steppers-east-surrey-dance-festival-2026/#book> or by telephone 01342 302000. Tickets have sold out in the past so don't delay purchasing yours.

Our Dance Festival trip to Chequer Mead Theatre is fast approaching. Here are the final arrangements and costume information. *We will be having a **DRESS REHEARSAL** to the school on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** in the afternoon. Please bring in any required costume items (see below). Mrs Nguyen and Miss Greenwood have all other items* Hair: Children need long hair in a neat ponytail (all tied back please).

#### Required items

Year 4: black leggings (acro shorts, cycling shorts, knee length or long), trainers, trainer socks

Year 5: no required items (footless tights optional for those wearing leotard dress)

Year 6: black vest or sleeveless leotard

#### Transport

We have booked Crawley Luxury to transport all of the dancers to the **dress rehearsal on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** during the day. We will be leaving school at 1:15pm (lunch will be eaten at school as usual) and will stay at the theatre until the end of the second performance. **Please pick up your child from the theatre foyer at the end of the second performance (approximately 7:45pm).**

#### Photography

A photographer will be present to take a group and individual and group photos of the dancers. These are available to purchase at the performance. They are not used on any type of social media or in the newspaper. *Tip: Photos are sold for £12 each, 3 for £30 or 5 for £45. Please bring necessary funds if you wish to purchase a photo (and team up with others if you can to purchase the slightly cheaper prices!).*

#### What to bring

- A water bottle, packed tea and snacks. NO SWEETS OR FIZZY DRINKS.
- Costumes; Shoes that are comfortable and easy to take on and off
- Children may come to school dressed in home clothes the day of the performance. They do not need a school bag, just necessary items for the dance show
- Some activities to do whilst they are waiting (reading books, colouring materials, cards etc.).
- Please do not bring electronic items, including mobile phones.
- It would be useful if all items were in one bag and clearly named. Please do not send in school bags/pencil cases etc. on this day, as it is too much for the children to carry to the theatre. Teachers will lend them necessary equipment for the morning.

Please complete the attached permission slip and return to your child's class teacher or the school office by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,  
Krista Greenwood & Kate Nguyen

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### FORM OF CONSENT FOR EDUCATIONAL VISIT ATTENDANCE

JOURNEY TO	Chequer Mead Theatre, East Grinstead
FORM OF TRANSPORT	Crawley Luxury
DATE	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
ESTIMATED TIME OF LEAVING SCHOOL	1:15pm
ESTIMATED TIME OF RETURNING TO SCHOOL	Children are being collected by parents

Please return the attached permission slip via your class teacher by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to take part in the above trip on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March and agree to his/her taking part in any or all of the activities described.

I certify that as far as I am aware, my son/daughter is medically fit to undertake this journey and associated activities. I authorise medical treatment to be provided, should it become necessary, during the course of the trip/visit.

Parent/Carer Contact Phone Number for day of performance: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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