

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to tell you that we have secured tickets to see *Running Wild* at the Derngate Theatre in Northampton on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**.

The story follows the journey of a young girl called Lilly and her life changing experience in Indonesia. The theatre production is based on Michael Morpurgo's incredible story of the same name and has had great reviews. The puppetry, similar to that in *War Horse*, is said to be spectacular:



***"The puppetry is exquisite, with full-sized animals manipulated so they seem to breathe with documentary life." - The Telegraph***

Whilst on holiday with her mother in Indonesia, Lilly takes an elephant ride. During the ride, Oona, the elephant, suddenly becomes anxious and runs from the beach deep into the jungle. With Lilly on her back, they escape moments before the tsunami hits the island. Miles from civilisation, Lilly must now learn to survive the jungle. Luckily, Oona is an extraordinary elephant and helps Lilly find everything she needs- food, shelter and water. Together they face the many challenges, and dangers, the jungle presents- including wild fires, a tiger and poachers after orang-utans. How will Oona and Lilly survive in the jungle? How will their jungle adventure change Lilly and her future?

The children will be transported by seat belted coach to the Derngate theatre and back again. We will leave before lunchtime and return by the end of the school day. As such, we ask that all children have a packed lunch on this day and you avoid ordering a hot school meal. The children will not need to bring any money for this theatre trip. They can bring an additional drink and a healthy snack (fruit or veg) in a disposable bag. Please ensure that all children who require inhalers have their inhaler with them.

The contribution requested for this trip is just £15.75. This includes the cost of the ticket and the coach travel. By making such a school booking we have managed to secure reduced priced tickets for the performance. However, if payment is an issue please contact Mr Thomas in confidence. You can see details of Charging Policy on the school website. We ask that you return the reply slip no later Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May so we can ensure the trip is viable. Then make payment via School Money System as soon as possible.

We hope you agree that this is a wonderful opportunity for the children. The children are sure to be captivated by the story, the animals and the jungle setting.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Mee- Deputy Head

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**I give permission for my child to go see *Running Wild* at the Derngate Theatre on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May and will pay via the School Money System.**

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Parent: \_\_\_\_\_