

# FAQs SHOW INFORMATION – NARNIA 2020

## **REHEARSALS AT THE CLUB**

### ***What will happen on rehearsal days?***

There are 3 rehearsal days at the Club – **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March** (the latter will be a dress rehearsal). Nearer the time there will be a timetable on the notice board. (& Facebook – please ask to join Dorchester Ballet and Dance Members Only) showing the time your child will need to attend. We will try to keep to the rehearsal timetable as closely as possible, so, unless your child is in more than one dance, they will not need to stay for long.

### ***What do the children need to do?***

Due to limited space, we can only have the dancers in the studio on rehearsal days. They will be able to sit in the studio & watch a couple of the dances prior to their own. Please make sure that your child is signed in before they go into the studio (via the boys' changing room door) & signed out when they leave. For the dress rehearsal they will need to go into the changing room first.

### ***What do dancers need to wear for rehearsals?***

For the first 2 rehearsals dancers should wear what they normally wear for lessons (including tidy hair & no jewellery). If they are dancing in more than one dance they can just change their shoes. For the dress rehearsal, please ensure that you refer to the "costumes by class" list (which will be on the notice board & Facebook in the next couple of weeks) to ensure that your child brings everything that they need.

## **TECHNICAL REHEARSAL (MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>) & SHOW DAY (MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>)**

### ***How many shows are there?***

There are two shows, a matinee at 2pm and an evening performance at 6pm. They will last for approximately 2½ hours, including an interval.

### ***What time and where do I drop my child off?***

Parents will be required to drop their children off at the door to the Ocean Room, **Weymouth Pavilion** at 4pm for the technical rehearsal (Friday 20th) and 12:30pm on show day (but see below for younger dancers). The Ocean Room can be accessed by turning left in the foyer & following the corridor to the end. Please make sure you are on time as we will rehearse the finale first & would like everyone to have the chance to do this.

### ***Do I need to stay with my child?***

No, once you drop your child off they will be supervised by a chaperone until you collect them again. No parents/carers will be allowed to enter the Ocean room in accordance with our Child Protection Policy.

### ***What time can I collect my child after the technical rehearsal?***

Children can be collected as follows:

Little Stars, Cygnets, Mini Modern	6:15pm
Pre Primary Ballet, Primary Tap	6:30pm
Primary Ballet	7:00pm
Primary Modern	7:30pm
Dancers in the first half (please see running order)	7:45pm
All other dancers	9:30pm

As you can appreciate these timings are estimates. We will try very hard to keep to them, but it's important for everyone to have a proper chance to rehearse on the big stage & also for us to ensure that the sound & lighting are set up properly. All the dancers will have a more enjoyable experience if everything runs smoothly on show day.

### ***What time can I collect my child after the show?***

At approximately 9pm, please make sure they are signed out.

### ***Young dancers (Little Stars, Cygnets & Pre-Primary Ballet) are they expected to stay for the whole time on the day of the show?***

No, your child can be dropped off at the later time of 1:15pm for the matinee (1:30pm for Little Stars). If you are watching the show in the afternoon you can either collect your child at the interval or at the end of the matinee; otherwise you can collect them as soon as they have danced. They will need to be dropped back at 5:15pm (5:30pm for Little Stars) for the evening performance and again can be collected early. Please note that only the evening performance will be filmed. We want to be flexible, but whatever you decide to do we need to know in advance, in writing if possible. You will be required to sign them out every time you collect them. If you intend to take them in to watch the performance at the interval, please make sure that you have purchased a ticket for them. (Weymouth Pavilions Babes in arms policy - permits under 2s to sit on the lap of a parent. If a parent wishes to have a separate seat for their baby they must purchase a ticket accordingly.

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### ***Do I need to supply my child with food and drink?***

Yes, please provide food and drink (plenty of fluids) on Friday & Saturday. We will make sure water is freely available. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PAVILION IS A NUT FREE THEATRE.** Also something to keep them occupied between shows.

### ***Do I need to get my child(ren) ready?***

Please refer to the "costumes by class" list for items that your child needs to bring. If a bun is needed for their first dance we would be very grateful if you could do this at home. You then will need to sign your child in at the door to the Ocean Room. Any costume provided by us will be in the Ocean Room & chaperones will help the children where needed.

### ***What else do students need to bring?***

Spare hair clips/ grips, bun net, brush. Make up - older children only. **Please make sure everything has your child's full name on it, including club hoodies/show t shirts.** They will also need a named carrier bag for their clothes, shoes etc. & a dressing gown or large shirt to cover their costume while eating.

### ***What make up does my child need?***

Please refer to the "costumes by class" list for details of make up. We will supply all face paints & basic make up such as lipstick, blusher & eyeliner along with wet wipes. Younger children will have any make up applied just before they are due on stage to protect costumes. Please be sure to let us know if your child has an allergy to any of these items.

### ***Will I be able to go back stage to see my child?***

No, only chaperones (all of whom will be wearing badges) will be able to go back stage or into the dressing rooms, this is for the safety and protection of all the children. Children will be dressed and supervised by their group chaperones. **NO ADMITTANCE WILL BE ALLOWED.** If an emergency arises and you need to collect your child early please come to the Ocean Room; they will be brought to you to be signed out.

### ***What will be required of me if I'm a chaperone?***

You will be required to wear a chaperone badge. Chaperones will be required to look after a group of children in the Ocean Room back stage. This will include helping them to change into their costumes, making sure they are ready to go on stage at the right time and keeping them occupied while they are waiting. We will make sure you have a detailed list of costumes, props, running order etc. along with colouring books & pencils.

### ***If I'm chaperoning when will I be needed?***

Technical rehearsal: 3:50pm – 9pm or when the last child in your group has been collected (if this is too long we can arrange for the time to be shared)

Matinee: 12:15pm – 4:45pm or handover to evening chaperone

Evening: 4:45pm – 9pm or when last child is signed out

***Little Stars/Cygnets/ Pre-Primary Ballet chaperones to arrive 15 mins prior to children arrival times above.***

Once we have a list of all the chaperones, a list of instructions will be emailed out to you all; Nikki is available in the office/email ([clubadmin@dancedorchester.org](mailto:clubadmin@dancedorchester.org)) to answer any questions you may have. We are enormously grateful to you for volunteering, the show is impossible without plenty of chaperones.

## **OTHER**

### ***What time will my child be photographed on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March?***

We will take photographs of each class and individual photos in the Club. Please look at the notice board & Facebook for a list of times. We will start at 12pm. **The photos will not be taken in the same order as the rehearsal schedule.**

### ***When can we order photos being taken on the 15<sup>th</sup> March?***

Group photos will be available to order at the theatre & afterwards at the Club. Individual photos will be available to order at the Club after the show.

### ***Will the show be filmed?***

Yes, DVDs will be available for £15.99. They can be ordered in advance from the Club, please ask Nikki. **Only the evening performance will be filmed.**

### ***Where can I buy tickets?***

Tickets are available from the Weymouth Pavilion or on the Pavilion website and are £11 per person plus a £1.50 booking fee charged by the theatre. Children UNDER 2 - Weymouth Pavilion have a 'Babes in Arms' policy for all performances, which permits under 2s to sit on the lap of a parent. If a parent wishes to have a separate seat for their child they must purchase a ticket accordingly.