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Alice The Musical Production 2023 at Barham School

Dear parents,

We are pleased to tell you that your child has expressed an interest in being part of our summer 2023 school production of Alice The Musical, written by Mark and Helen Johnson of Out of the Ark Music, based on Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. All children in KS2 are invited to take part. Rehearsals start after half term and will continue through terms 4 and 5 until the **performances which will be on Wednesday May 24th and Thursday May 25th**. Children must be available on these dates and able to attend all Monday and Friday rehearsals. These will be from 3:15 – 4:45pm. Not all children will be required at every rehearsal. However, if you have another activity on one of these nights, please speak to us and we will try our best to come to a compromise arrangement. A timetable of all **provisional rehearsal dates** is attached. A **detailed rehearsal schedule** will be sent out once rehearsals have begun; we will try to give you at least a week's notice if children are not needed.

In order to cover some of the costs of the scripts, backing tracks, performance rights, costumes etc we are again asking for a **contribution of £5** from each member of the cast. Please could you **send this in with your reply slip.** (CHAPS, cash, or cheque payable to Barham School Fund).

Auditions for solo and group parts for Years 4, 5 & 6 will take part on the afternoon of Thursday 19th January; as it is their first year, Year 3s are invited to be part of the chorus only.

In the audition, we would like children to **sing Somewhere Over the Rainbow**. Lyrics are attached. If possible, please practise with the karaoke backing track on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ru12qNDQ4DU> or Videolink: <https://youtu.be/ru12qNDQ4DU>

Please note – this is partly a test of children's organisation. We are looking for keen, reliable performers who will learn their words, not lose their scripts and turn up when arranged for rehearsals. It will be a good start if they can get *themselves* organised for their audition.

Parts will be announced and scripts given out in late January. All **words should be learned** from memory **by Easter**. We are delighted so many children always want to be part of the show! Consideration will be given to children who have proven themselves and shown commitment with singing and performing for school already. Inevitably, some hoping for main parts will be disappointed, but there will be ample opportunity to shine as part of the chorus. Many Thanks and Best wishes

Mrs Washington, Mrs Sharpe and Mrs Gurney
The Alice Production Team

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my child _____ class _____

- is able to attend rehearsals on Mondays and Fridays after school from 3:15 until 4:45pm from Monday 6th February
- I enclose £5 towards practise CDs, licensing, costumes and equipment
- my child was part of Barham's 2022 Production The Lion King
- my child was part of previous year's Barham productions (tick if applicable)

They would/would not (delete as applicable) **like to audition** for a solo/group singing and acting role

signed _____ (parent/guardian)

For a good audition

- ☆ Learn the song – memorising the lyrics, singing the correct tune at the same pitch (not lower or higher) and keeping in time with the backing track.
- ☆ Demonstrate that you can act, including using face and body and move about the stage.
- ☆ Show you can project your voice and speak to the audience.

If you would like a main role with a solo or group **singing** part, please learn the song **'Somewhere over the Rainbow'** from the Wizard of Oz – hear the original version here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSZxmZmBfnU videolink: <https://youtu.be/PSZxmZmBfnU>

Practise singing this to the backing track: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ru12qNDQ4DU> videolink: <https://youtu.be/ru12qNDQ4DU> **Lyrics are below.**

It is vital that you show you can **memorise lines**. For the audition please **learn the script** below, which is from Alice the Musical. If you are interested in the parts with the most lines (Lewis Carroll, Alice, White Rabbit, Mad Hatter, King, Queen, Mouse, Gryphon & Mock Turtle) you should memorise both parts and be prepared to perform in either role in the audition. If you are happier with a smaller role, please just learn one part, either Lewis Carroll or Alice.”

Song Lyrics

Somewhere over the rainbow
Way up high
There's a land that I heard of
Once in a lullaby

Somewhere over the rainbow
Skies are blue
And the dreams that you dare to dream
Really do come true

Someday I'll wish upon a star
And wake up where the clouds are far behind me
Where troubles melt like lemon drops
Away above the chimney tops
That's where you'll find me

Somewhere over the rainbow
Bluebirds fly
Birds fly over the rainbow
Why then, oh, why can't I?

Alice The Musical Audition Piece

Lewis Carroll Alice had grown so large that she was stuck fast inside the rabbit's house. Luckily for Alice, the little magic bottle had now had its full effect and she grew no larger.

Alice It was much pleasanter at home, when one wasn't always growing larger and smaller and being ordered about by mice and rabbits. I do wonder what can have happened to me? I wonder what will happen next?

Lewis Carroll And well might she have wondered, for Alice herself could hardly believe what happened next. Firstly, the White Rabbit came to look for his gloves and fan but found he couldn't get it. Bill the Lizard was sent down the chimney to tackle the giant inside. Alice, with one sharp kick, sent him back up like a sky-rocket. Then, the rabbit and his friends showered Alice with a barrow-full of pebbles, which she noticed, with some surprise, were all turning into little cakes! Naturally she tried one of them and was delighted to find that she began shrinking directly. As soon as she was small enough, she ran out of the house and found herself safe in a thick wood.

Alice The first thing I've got to do is to grow to my right size again; and the second thing is to find my way into that lovely garden. I think that will be the best plan.

Lewis Carroll It sounded an excellent plan – the only difficulty was that she had not the smallest idea how to set about it. Alice looked all round her at the flowers and the blades of grass. There was a large mushroom growing near her, about the same height as herself. She stretched herself up on tiptoe and peeped over the edge of the mushroom. Her eyes immediately met those of a large, blue caterpillar.