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Dear Parents/carers,

The Key Stage Two team have some very exciting news. This year's end of year production is going to be a junior version of **The Lion King!** We thought that this would tie in very well with our curriculum topic of The Jungle, which will be our focus in the Spring term. The topic will be enhanced with work such as mask designing and making.

We are letting both children and parents know earlier than normal as this show will need a little more preparation than is usually required. This will mean that things start happening earlier, such as auditions, collecting/ making costumes and props and learning the songs and roles. This also means that we will be able to bring the show forward a few weeks. We hope that this will give both children and adults chance to give this show all of their attention without the distraction of school end of year events as well as avoiding the usual over tiredness!

The dates are Monday 2nd July 2:00pm, Wednesday 4th July 6:00pm and Thursday 5th July 6:00pm.

We are extremely excited about the potential of this show and think that the children will really engage with it and get a lot out of it. It was this excitement and potential that drove us to choose this show however it comes with a cost- a literal cost- which is much higher than anything we have done before. This cost is due to Disney charging a large amount for the licence. We are therefore planning a variety of ways to help fund this. We have chosen to put up ticket prices from £2.50 to £3.00. Hopefully the quality of the show and the enjoyment the children will take from this will be worth that extra 50p.

We will also be working alongside the PTA to create other fund raising events such as pre-show drinks each night. If you have any ideas for helping us fund raise or can indeed lend your help in any way, then please let us know.

We will keep you and the children informed as we go. **The first BIG event will indeed be the auditions for the year 4 children which will start on Friday 3rd November.** The year 3s will be the singing chorus, as is the norm. We will be looking to cast roles that require strengths in singing, acting and dancing. There are a real variety of roles available and we will find a role for every year 4 child that wants one.

We are taking the opportunity to launch the project with the children and set an audition piece as their half term homework. If they want to audition for one of the key roles, there are script extracts on the Key Stage Two section of the school website ready to be downloaded. They need to prepare this, as well as a section from a song of their choice. If they don't want a key role they can still prepare a section of a song or a dance. For those who are feeling unsure about being on their own, they can buddy up with a friend for the audition.

We hope you appreciate this early communication and we look forward to working with children and parents throughout the year as we prepare for something quite amazing!

Many thanks,

The Key Stage Two team