

Dear Parents/Carers,



Re: J Rock - Rescheduled Event.

I am writing with the latest news that we have received from the Rock Challenge event organisers regarding the cancelled event last Friday.

It is pleasing to hear that they recognise that the arrival of the 'Beast from the East' was beyond our control and they have managed to reschedule the heat at Portsmouth Guildhall for **Tuesday 24th April.**

We have been reassured that all tickets for last Friday's event are transferrable to the new date and new tickets will be issued.

We have also been alerted that the Southern J Rock Final takes places on the 25th April, which may need to be hastily organised should we be lucky enough to qualify!

As we now have a few more weeks it makes sense to continue to rehearse to make our performance even better, therefore please see the proposed schedule of rehearsals below - all will be held at Newchurch Primary School to enable the cast to rehearse with full set and all props.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Cast Required	Date/time	Date/time
Full Cast	Tuesday 13 th March 2-4pm	Wednesday 14 th March 2-4pm
	Tuesday 20 th March 2-3.15pm STORM/BACKSTAGE CREW ONLY	Wednesday 21 st March 2-3.15pm EELS/FIRE/ BACKSTAGE CREW ONLY
Full Cast	Tuesday 17 th April 2-4pm	Wednesday 18 th April 2-4pm
Full Cast	Monday 23 rd April 9.30 - 11.30am	

We have worked quickly to rearrange all travel arrangements and therefore it made sense to re-issue the letter content below to remind you all of what is required on show day!

As it is a school day it is assumed that the large majority of children will want to leave during the interval to catch the 8.20pm Fast Cat. Should you wish to do anything different please complete the form below to advise. Please note new ferry tickets will be purchased for the children based on the preference share below and therefore they cannot be changed on the day of the show.

The fact that Global Rock have rescheduled the competition really is the best possible outcome that we could have wished for as it will give our little Federation the chance to shine on the big stage.

April 24th - Performance Day!

Our performance will take place at Portsmouth Guildhall. Thank you to all parents who have purchased tickets to support our team, loud cheers really do help to motivate and encourage the performers so I am hoping that you will all be in good voice on the day!

The team need to be at the Guildhall in good time and so we are booked on the **8.47am Fast Cat**. It is essential that your child is dropped off by an adult at the wet end of Ryde Pier Head, Wightlink Terminal at **8.15am** where a member of staff will register their attendance. If your child is not on time they will miss the experience and will be expected to attend school rather than perform on the day. Any children who require medication including inhalers, epi pens etc will need to ensure that these are handed to an adult when registering.

Children will be expected to wear their J Rock t-shirt and black bottoms (no denim) legging, joggers with no obvious logos please as these show up under stage lights. It is very sensible and very much encouraged that performers wear appropriate coloured underwear for their costume as the florescent lighting can often cause embarrassment for children wearing other colours (e.g. black/dark under black costumes, flesh coloured under lighter costumes). Comfortable shoes (trainers) and a waterproof are essential as we will be walking the short distance from the ferry terminal to the Guildhall - whatever the weather!

The children will need a sensible supply of food and drink for the day. It is suggested that breakfast is consumed before arriving for the boat and they will certainly need lunch, tea and snacks as there is no facility to purchase food or drinks at the Guildhall. Usual rules apply please e.g. no fizzy drinks, glass bottles, no nut products or excessive amounts of sweets. The children will need energy for the long day and so healthy products that will supply energy over sustained periods would probably be the best choice!

Children will also need to bring their own comb/hairbrush for adults to use when creating their fabulous hair designs. Please also check your child's hair thoroughly for nasty beasts (headlice) prior to the event as the stylists will not be able to work on your child's hair if they are infected. It may be that some designs involve coloured hairspray but we have researched and will only use those that will wash out with shampoo! It is likely that there will be an element of backcombing and crimping involved to create the amazing styles that routinely result in us being awarded extra points for visual enhancement and so please let school know if you are not happy with this. It is likely that most of the performers will require some stage make up and whilst we will have baby wipes it may be sensible for your child to have a pack just in case you are leaving swiftly and want to remove the make up on your way home.

It is a very long day of rehearsals and there will be significant periods when the children may need to amuse themselves and so a pocket book, card game, puzzle or colouring book may assist but please no valuable items. Photography is not permitted and so mobile phones or cameras are not allowed.

Showtime!

The competition will start at 6.30pm with doors opening at 6pm. We are competing against 10 other schools and so it is likely that performances will continue until approximately 9.40pm. After this the judges take some time to deliberate before returning to present the results and awards. The

competition hopes to finish at 10.30pm but in my experience this can often be much later. Any children not able to be collected in advance directly from the Guildhall with therefore likely to be on the 11.59 car ferry with those few staff who will remain until the end of the competition. These pupils will therefore require collection at Fishbourne car ferry terminal at 1am. It is strongly advised therefore that you make appropriate arrangements to get home earlier.

I have requested and it has been agreed that The Federation of Nettlestone & Newchurch Primary School can perform in the first half of the show. Unfortunately, once the children have performed they are not permitted to watch the rest of the show and will remain backstage until the results are shared at the very end.

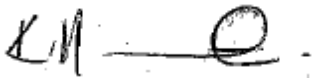
I promise that I will post the results of the competition as soon as they are known using the usual school communication methods (Facebook, School App etc) in order that you are aware of any successes!

Thank you

Once again I would like, on behalf of everyone involved in J Rock to say thank you to all for your continued support. Without the help of the community we wouldn't to be able to begin to think about undertaking such a performance. It really is appreciated.

I really hope that you enjoy the show and look forward to seeing as many as possible of you at the Guildhall on the 24th April!

Kind Regards



Miss Howarth

The Federation Nettlestone & Newchurch Primary School - J Rock 2018

24th April 2018

My child will be collected by _____

*I would like to collect my child during the interval (8pm approx)

*I would like to collect my child at the end of the performances (9.40pm approx)

*I would like to collect my child for the Guildhall at the end of the competition (10.30pm approx)

* I will be collecting my child from Fishbourne Car Ferry Terminal at 1am

(please highlight chosen option)

Signed _____

PLEASE RETURN BY TUESDAY 13TH MARCH IN ORDER THAT APPROPRIATE FERRY BOOKING CAN BE MADE.