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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, we would like to sincerely thank you for your ongoing support for Grease. The rehearsals are going very well, with the cast and crew working extremely hard.

There are now only a handful of rehearsals left before the first performance, and there are a few things to be aware of in these final weeks:

Rehearsals

As you are aware, there is an extended rehearsal on Thursday 26 January from 3-8pm. Attendance at this rehearsal is compulsory for every member of the cast and stage crew, no matter how big or small a role they are playing, so that the production is ready for opening night on Tuesday 7 February. There will be a meal-break during this rehearsal, and we have arranged for pizza and chips to be provided - at a cost of £2.05 (if your child wishes to purchase a drink, this would be charged as extra). Alternatively, your child can bring a packed meal to eat during the break. The money for pizza and chips will be deducted from your child's ParentPay account, so please ensure it is topped up accordingly before Thursday 26 January, as they will be unable to have food if their funds are not sufficient. All students are strongly advised to bring plenty to drink/a refillable water bottle to the rehearsal.

We are also holding a final full-dress rehearsal with an invited audience on Monday 3 February, and it is vital that your child is here for this performance - which will begin after lunch. Your child will therefore need transport home at 4.30pm.

Make-Up

We will be using stage make up for all final rehearsals and the performances, so if your child has any skin conditions/allergies that would prevent stage make-up from being applied, please detail this on the attached slip. To reduce the risk of spreading any viruses such as Covid-19 or Strep A, we will be providing single use make-up sponges and applicators. If you would rather your child use their own make-up, please confirm via the attached slip.



Costumes

Before the Christmas holidays, all cast members were given a personalised note, detailing any items of costume they needed to provide from home. If you have not received this information, please check with your child in the first instance, and should you need any further information, or assistance with providing these items, please contact Mrs Gill who is heading up the Costume team: igill@stourvalley.org All costume items should be in school, available for rehearsals from Monday 23 January.

Performance Evenings

On the evenings of the performances (7, 8 and 9 February), your child is required at school for the time listed below (depending on their role). Please ensure your child is on time (but not early) to allow enough preparation time before the performance.

Cast: 5:30pm

Stage/Technical crew: 6pm

Band: 6:30pm

Doors open at 6:40pm each night, and unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate audience members in the building before this time, so please bear this in mind when arranging to drop off your child.

Tickets for the show are available via ParentPay now, giving priority booking for the cast and crew. They will go on *general sale* to the rest of the school and Stour Valley Educational Trust on Friday 20 January, so please do get your tickets early!

Many thanks once again for your ongoing support and we look forward to seeing you on show night!

Yours faithfully

The Grease Team



Please return to Miss Duffy by Friday 20 January 2023

Please note that any students returning the slip after Friday 20 January will not be able to have pizza and chips and will need to bring a packed meal.

Student Name: Tutor Group:

- I have received the information about the final rehearsals for Grease, and will ensure my child is at school at the times required as outlined in the attached letter.
- I have made arrangements for transport at 8pm on Thursday 26 January, and 4:30pm on Monday 3 February.
- My child can have pizza and chips for the rehearsal on Thursday 26 January and I will ensure they have £2.05 available on their ParentPay account.
- I will provide a packed meal for my child for the rehearsal on Thursday 26 January.
- My child has no know skin allergies and can wear the stage make up provided.
- My child has skin allergies and cannot wear the stage make up provided.
- I would prefer my child to use their own make up and will ensure they bring it with them to all final rehearsals.

Parent/Carer Signature:..... Date:.....

