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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know, your child has been attending rehearsals for this year's school production of 'Oliver! The Musical'. We are entering the countdown now with just 7 weeks to go until performance week.

Many of the cast have been working hard at home learning lines and it would be great if you could support them in any way you can with this. It really helps for students to have an adult or sibling help them by playing the opposite character in a scene for example, or you could help your child to record their own voice on a phone or laptop to listen back to. We are setting a deadline of **Tuesday 7th June** for all students to have all lines learnt – on this date we will be having a special rehearsal after school, reading through the play (without scripts!).

If you haven't bought tickets yet, they are available on ParentPay and are selling fast, so make sure you book for the night (or nights – you are welcome to come more than once!) you would like to attend. The performances all start at 7pm and will take place on the following evenings:

- Wednesday 29th June
- Thursday 30th June
- Friday 1st July

Everyone is welcome – the more the merrier – so please do bring extended family and friends who you think might enjoy a night at the 'theatre'. Students have been working hard and it would be such a reward to them to perform to a full house.

As we get nearer to the performance dates there will be a number of rehearsals that run a little later than normal to allow us to fit everything in, so **from Monday 13th June every rehearsal will be until 5pm** and on **Monday 27th June will run until 6.30pm as this is our final dress rehearsal**. It is important for all cast to attend every rehearsal so we can direct and rehearse the scenes successfully, so please only allow your child to miss a rehearsal in an extreme situation.

On the performance nights, students can choose whether to stay in school after 3pm, or go home and return to school by 6pm ready to warm up for the performance.

We are really excited to share the students' hard work and energy with you – we hope it will be an unforgettable performance!

Kind regards

Miss Chitty