

# CHRISTMAS SHOWS

It's not too late to book your class visit to The Courtyard this year. There are still some remaining seats for our pantomime **Aladdin** and our Studio Christmas Show, *The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus*. Both productions will come with an Education Pack and we are able to provide free coach funding for *The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus*, thanks to the Sylvia Short Educational Charity.



**TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS  
CALL 01432 340555**

As usual there will be plenty of school matinees for you to book your classes into. However, year on year we are seeing an increase in schools bookings so please do book early to ensure that you get your preferred date.

Tickets: £9

The school performances are as follows:

Monday 29 November	10am
Tuesday 30 November	10am
Wednesday 1 December	10am & 2pm
Thursday 2 December	10am & 2pm
Friday 3 December	1pm
Monday 6 December	10am & 2pm
Tuesday 7 December	10am & 2pm
Wednesday 8 December	10am & 2pm
Thursday 9 December	1:30pm
Friday 10 December	1:30pm
Monday 13 December	10am & 2pm
Tuesday 14 December	10am & 2pm
Wednesday 15 December	1:30pm
Thursday 16 December	1:30pm
Friday 17 December	1:30pm
Friday 7 January	1:30pm

This Christmas we have another treat for your KS1 classes; *The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus*! Pantomime can sometimes be a bit scary for the little ones, and perhaps a tad too long. We therefore have a smaller show in our Studio Theatre which is ideal for ages 3 - 7. Tickets are £6 for schools!

#### Schedule:

Tuesday 7 December	10am	1pm
Wednesday 8 December	10am	1pm
Thursday 9 December	10am	1pm
Friday 10 December	10am	1pm
Monday 13 December	10am	1pm
Tuesday 14 December	10am	1pm
Wednesday 15 December	10am	1pm
Thursday 16 December	10am	1pm
Friday 17 December	10am	1pm



# PRIMARY SCHOOLS BULLETIN

# ARTICULATE!

Welcome to The Courtyard's education newsletter: **ARTICULATE!**  
In this newsletter you'll find information on our forthcoming productions, projects and the exciting return of free transportation for schools to Courtyard events!

**FOLLOW OUR  
ALADDIN BLOG!**

# Aladdin

If you're bringing your class or school to The Courtyard this Christmas then why not check out our Aladdin blog!

It will be updated at least once a day during the rehearsal and production process, with behind the scenes gossip and a chance for your pupils to understand the different processes in putting on our biggest production of the year. Once you're class have been to visit they can even submit us a review and we'll post our favourite ones on there for the rest of the Herefordshire schools to see.

Use your ICT time to read about all the goings on including photos and interviews from the creative team and actors.

All you have to do is type in this link:

[www.courtyardpanto.blog.com](http://www.courtyardpanto.blog.com)

After each blog post your pupils can add comments to them if they wish or ask any questions. We will aim to respond to all questions within 24 hours to make the blog as interactive as possible.

To submit reviews after your visit send them to [grant.brisland@courtyard.org.uk](mailto:grant.brisland@courtyard.org.uk)

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# FREE COACHES FOR SCHOOLS

The  
**Sylvia  
Short**



As you will know from our last newsletter the Sylvia Short Trust have confirmed that they can support future funding for coaches for schools across the county.

This is fantastic news as we now hope that some school trips, that might not have been financially viable before, are more possible.

Over the coming months we have some exciting productions for your pupils and we hope that this funding will allow you to take the opportunity for your pupils to experience a different performance that you may not have risked before. Each production is picked for a particular purpose; either it fits in with literacy or the curriculum or because its artistic quality is worthy of a performance at The Courtyard.

To confirm funding is available follow these 6 simple steps:

1. Call/Email Grant Brisland to check availability.
2. If funding is available, gather a minimum of 3 quotes from Herefordshire-based coach companies.
3. Using the cheapest quote confirm with Grant the cost for accounting.
4. Confirm with the coach company your visit, highlighting with particular emphasis that they must invoice The Courtyard directly.
5. Come to The Courtyard and enjoy the performance.
6. Complete an evaluation form of the performance and for The Sylvia Short Educational Trust.

A completed evaluation form is an essential part of funding and without the funding may be withdrawn.



If you see this symbol in the newsletter, it denotes the availability of FREE TRANSPORT courtesy of The Sylvia Short Educational Trust

## WHAT WILL THE TRUST FUND?

Thanks to the Sylvia Short Educational Charity we are able to fund any trips to The Courtyard that are for educational or cultural purposes

This can include:

- Live Performances
- Films
- Backstage Tours
- Visits to our Visual Arts Gallery
- Educational Talks

We are unable to fund any trips to the pantomime under the guidance of the trustees.

## SHAKESPEARE IN THE PRIMARY CLASSROOM

We are committed to getting children interested in Shakespeare from an early age and help them discover the fun and creativity in the Bard's work. We have put together 3 options for you to choose from. Each option will cover certain themes and characters from the play of your choice. All three options are run over a period of 3 sessions with a 2 hour workshop for each. Since we began these workshops we have been able to satisfy many primary school teachers and pupils all over Herefordshire. Helping the pupils grasp the listening, speaking and confidence skills to be learnt from Shakespeare, as well as further teacher resources to continue this valuable work.

One primary school teacher from Wigmore Primary said: *'All activities were practical and enjoyable. Sessions really increased the children's understanding of the main themes and characters.'*

The options we are running are as follows:

Option 1: Introduction to the play and looking at the major themes. Cost £100 + travel (40p per mile)

Option 2: Introduction to the play and looking at the major themes and characters. Cost £160 + travel (40p per mile)

Option 3: Introduction to the play and looking at the major themes, main characters and a stage combat workshop. Cost £220 + travel (40p per mile)

All schools who get involved will be given the opportunity of attending The Shakespeare Day that The Courtyard Centre for the Arts is running in June. We are very proud to announce that Derek Jacobi has kindly given his time to create a documentary on Shakespeare for us. This resource will be given to all participating schools on the day as part of their education pack.

For more information please contact David Durant on 01432 346532 or david.durant@courtyard.org.uk

# ROALD DAHL MONTH – MARCH 2011



In February we worked with over 1300 young people across Herefordshire as part of our Roald Dahl Week. It was far more popular than we could have ever imagined so we're running it across a whole month this time.

Our aim is to work with over 2000 pupils this time so we can spread our love of Dahl to as many pupils in Herefordshire as possible.

Exploring your favourite Roald Dahl book, our Education Officers, David or Kate, will bring the book to life in your school to spark more creativity on our favourite children's author.

We're able to do different books with different classes and key stages so please do let us know what you want from us. We covered all of these books in February:

James and the Giant Peach  
 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory  
 The Magic Finger  
 Fantastic Mr Fox  
 Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator  
 Danny, the Champion of the World  
 The Enormous Crocodile  
 The Twits  
 George's Marvellous Medicine  
 The BFG  
 The Witches  
 The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me  
 Matilda  
 Revolting Rhymes Dirty Beasts  
 Boy – Tales of Childhood Going Solo

For just £110 (plus travel @ 40p per mile) a 3 hour session can be split for 3 different classes, or you can book us for a full day for just £200 (plus travel) and allow more of your pupils to take part. The day can be split how you'd like, just let us know.

If your school is part of the Herefordshire Arts Education Consortium you can book a workshop session as part of your free allocation.

Due to the popularity of our first venture into Dahl, I would recommend booking ASAP.

If you'd like more information, please do not hesitate to contact Grant Brisland on 01432 346535 or email grant.brisland@courtyard.org.uk

**"I ENJOYED THE WORKSHOP AS IT WAS USEFUL FOR CHILDREN TO ACT OUT STORIES AND WORK TOGETHER AS TEAMS TO FREEZE FRAME. IT INSPIRED THEM TO READ MORE"**

**KEY STAGE 1 TEACHER, ST PETER'S PRIMARY**