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Dear Parent/Carer

7<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Re: Christmas Panto**

The whole school will be going to the Empire Theatre in Consett on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025 to see the Christmas Panto. This year the Panto is Sleeping Beauty. Unfortunately, the panto is not suitable for our youngest children in the Pearl Learning Zone (2 year-old children).

We will be going to the morning show and will be back in school for lunch. The bus needs to leave at exactly 9am in order to get us to Consett for the show starting at 10am. As such, can you please ensure your child is in school for 8.45am with the gate opening at 8.40am. This will allow us time to register, toilet and carry out all of our safeguarding checks prior to departure.

The cost of the trip including tickets and travel will be £16.50 per child. However, The Friends of Stanhope Barrington will be subsidising this trip to the value of £7.50 per child. Therefore, the total cost payable will be £9. A snack and drink will also be provided for each child.

This is payable via Parent Pay and can be paid either in full or in instalments but must be paid in full prior to the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

The expectation is that all children (apart from 2 year-olds) will be attending because we are having to use our full staff team plus our usual volunteers (with DBS clearance) to staff this trip. As you can imagine taking 120 children out is a huge logistical challenge. Therefore, if your child is not attending the panto for any legitimate reason you must inform the school office as soon as possible to ensure there are staff remaining on site to supervise them.

Myself and Miss Batson (Teaching Assistant) will be remaining in school to staff our 2 year-old provision in the Pearl Learning Zone.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs D Cross*

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