

Funtastic Tales is all about encouraging children to develop their imagination creatively. It is about nurturing children's own natural ability to create stories and place themselves within them. Through these activities children develop their confidence, social skills and communication abilities. Ultimately, we hope that children will develop an awareness of self-presentation and want to take on the challenge of performance.

At Balcombe School, Funtastic Tales will be running a weekly Drama club for yrs 4-6 on Tuesdays after school 3.20-4.25 and for years 1-3 on Wednesdays 3.20-4.25. All sessions will involve lots of confidence building drama games which are designed to develop children's ability to think, react and move quickly with control. We will also do plenty of 'in role' work, developing children's abilities to create characters and situations while working collaboratively. Finally, we will develop their acting skills, performing to the rest of the group and evaluating what makes performances work well. We also develop performances to be shown to parents and in school assemblies.

Towards the end of the Autumn term the Upper Group will start working on a performance to be shown in the winter term after Christmas. Ideally, I would need participants to re-sign for Spring. Please chat to me if that won't be possible.

Lower Group:Some year 1's are more ready than others to start Drama club, so please consider your child's resilience when it comes to not winning games, or not being picked, as not all children can be picked or win each week! Also consider whether they will have the energy to continue for another hour of structured time after school, see me if you are not sure! We can always do a trial session, I always courage children to have a healthy snack at the start of the club as that helps with energy levels!

Funtastic Tales is committed to the importance of regular Drama sessions to help develop children's confidence whilst also unlocking the potential of their social, communication and creative skills.

'Funtastic Tales' is run by Helen Savage-Butcher who has been a trained Drama teacher (11-18) for many years, having gained a BA, MA and PGCE in the subject. Helen has taught drama in several different secondary schools and run drama departments in two. She has also worked as an actor in touring and fringe, the majority of which was in children's interactive theatre companies. Through 'Funtastic Tales' she runs both birthday parties and storytelling events for infant-junior age children and workshops for secondary age/adults.

I wish my child ……to take part in Funtastic Tales upper / lower* Drama club

Child's year group:……Class:……Parent's email…….....

Emergency contact numbers for Tuesdays / Wednesdays* 3.20-4.25…….

Please detail any allergies:……..

Delete as appropriate: Child can walk alone / will be usually collected by*:……

I am **happy / NOT happy*** for photos to be taken of my child in sessions to be used by school or on Funtastic tales website/facebook page. No children will be named, no extreme close-ups will be used without permission. In signing permission I am also aware that Helen Savage-Butcher *may* film parts of sessions (giving children due warning) and edit them at home, to be released to parents and possibly shown to classes. Any questions contact: helsavagebutcher@gmail.com

£6.00 per session for 12 sessions is £72 (15/16th Sep to 8/9th Dec not including half-term). Email helsavagebutcher@gmail.com after 'clubs email' has come out to request a place stating child's yr group. Please only make payment once your place has been confirmed by me (Helen). I may not confirm places until term starts! Please pay by Tuesday 14th Sep, 11am. Children not paid up by then could lose their place to a child on the waiting list. Please contact Helen if you have financial difficulties and wish to request a discount or a different payment deadline. Sibling discount is available for those who feel paying full price is a struggle: second child = £5.00 per session.

Please make payment to Helen L Savage-Butcher by BACS referencing child's surname and 'drama club upper/lower' through Coop bank sort code: 089300 acc no: 21108648 OR cash given by parent to Helen Savage

*** = Please delete as appropriate**

Signed……..Name……..Date……