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J Rock 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

J Rock (Rock Challenge) is an educational and inspirational competition using the performing arts in primary schools to promote creativity, healthy lifestyles and education. The focus of the event is on young people being the best they can be by living proactive healthy lives, respecting and protecting their bodies.

On Saturday 18th February 2017 we took part in our 5th J Rock competition and took 2nd place for the first time, amongst some very experienced and well-rehearsed schools. Later this month we are going into the competition with even more enthusiasm and with even more lessons learnt.

The 2018 event will take place at the Southampton Guildhall in late February 2018, the date will be confirmed in late September 2017. The event is rehearsed during the day and performed in the evening, so your child will need to be available to both perform and rehearse on this day (9am-9pm). Ticket details will be provided at a later date.

Your child has expressed an interest in taking part in the event as **backstage crew**.

Rehearsals will be on **Fridays as well as some Tuesdays** after school starting on Friday 22nd September and will run on a rolling programme to allow us time and space to rehearse each element of our entry. (We will send confirmation of which group your child is in and their rehearsal dates as soon as we have confirmed the number of children involved.)

The 'Be Your Best Foundation', which is the charity responsible for the J Rock, requests a participation fee of approximately £8 from all involved. We are hoping to get it down to about £2 through fund raising activities organised by our J Rock Crew. So far we have managed to cover all costs with fundraising.

Please sign the permission slip below and return to the school office by **Monday 18th September 2017**. Unfortunately, J Rock rules stipulate that there can only be a maximum of 100 performers and 20 stage crew. If we receive more replies than the maximum allowed we will have to use a selection process, as of yet we have not had to use this. They will be informed if they have a place on Tuesday 19th September.

If you have any queries, questions or ways in which you could help with our production, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

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J Rock Backstage Crew 2018

My child (name) _____ in class: _____

has permission to take part in the J Rock performance as **backstage crew** and in the after school rehearsals.

He/she

will be picked up by (print name) _____ after rehearsals.

will walk home after the rehearsals.

I can help with: _____

My contact telephone number is: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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