



St. John the Evangelist R.C. Primary School



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Dear Parents,

In Years 3 and 4, we are studying the continent of Africa this term. As much as we would love to have a visit to Africa, we have decided to bring Africa to our school!

We are delighted to have the visit of **The Mighty Zulu Nation** to our school on Wednesday 7th June.

The Mighty Zulu Nation is a cast of professional Zulu's from the Kingdom of Kwa-Zulu Natal (South Africa) who have toured theatres, schools and festivals throughout the UK, Russia, Italy, France, Germany and South Africa. They have performed for Queen Elizabeth II, Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela.

Children will spend the morning with the whole school, experiencing performances of traditional songs and dances. They will also see traditional attire, learn basic Zulu language and learn about the significance of dance and song in a Zulu community.

In the afternoon, children in Years 3 and 4 will take part in 3 workshops. Music, Art and Gum-Boot dancing. (Children required to bring own wellington boots for the dancing.)

The children will be performing what they have learned in a small concert at 3pm. This should last approximately 20 minutes. We would like to invite parents/carers of children in years 3 and 4 to this concert. Please come to school for 2:50pm (main entrance). If there are any other siblings in the school, they will be able to stay with their teachers until the concert has finished.

This is a really exciting experience and we know that the children will have a fantastic day.

You can find out more information about the theatre company on their website:

<http://www.mightyzulunation.com/homepage.html>

The cost of this very special visit has been heavily subsidized by the school and we are asking for a contribution of £5 per child for this full day experience. Please send this into school before 26th May.

Thank You
St Johns Staff