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To all S3 Parents/Carers

12 February 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

WAR HORSE THEATRE TRIP

Lochaber High School will be participating in a number of events this year to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War 1. All S3 pupils will be taking part in an inter-disciplinary learning project as part of the broad general education and, as one element of that, we are planning to take the entire year group to Edinburgh to see the highly acclaimed National Theatre production, 'War Horse' on **Wednesday 9 May**. Further details about the production are given overleaf.

The project will involve preliminary work in classes, transporting 152 pupils to Edinburgh in four coaches and making catering arrangements for this large group. We are heavily subsidising the cost of transport and the purchase of theatre tickets and have identified funds for this purpose.

The itinerary for the day is as follows:

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| 9.30 am | Depart Lochaber High |
| | • <i>Packed lunch en route (the canteen will be able to supply packed lunches if required)</i> |
| 2.30 pm | Performance at Festival Theatre, Edinburgh |
| 4.30 pm (approx.) | Depart Edinburgh |
| | • <i>Evening meal en route (pupils will be expected to pay for their evening meal)</i> |
| 9.00 pm (approx.) | Arrive Lochaber High |

In order to book a place on the trip, each pupil is being asked to pay a contribution of £5, which I'm sure you'll agree is a very good price for a day trip to Edinburgh with theatre tickets. Please return the booking slip (overleaf), with payment, by **Monday 5 March**. If making this payment causes any difficulty for you, please contact your son/daughter's Guidance teacher and we will see what we can do to help. Tickets, which we have already purchased, that are not booked by 5 March will be made available to senior pupils who are studying Drama.

This is a great opportunity for everybody in S3 to see such a prestigious show and will allow all pupils to reinforce their learning at school with a unique theatre experience. I do hope that everyone will participate. Further details and formal permission slips will be sent home nearer the time. In the meantime, if you require any further information, please contact me at the school.

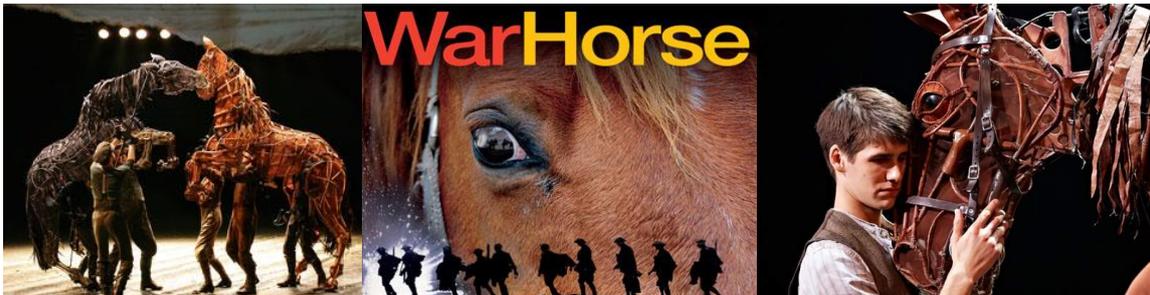
Yours sincerely

Donald MacLean
Depute Head Teacher

'War Horse'

War Horse is the powerful story of a young boy called Albert and his beloved horse, Joey, who has been requisitioned to fight for the Allies in World War I. Caught in enemy crossfire, Joey ends up serving on both sides during the war before landing in no man's land, while Albert, not old enough to enlist, embarks on a treacherous mission to find his horse and bring him home. A remarkable tale of courage, loyalty and friendship, *War Horse* features ground-breaking puppetry work by South Africa's Handspring Puppet Company, which brings breathing and galloping horses to life on stage.

War Horse began a major tour of the UK in September 2017. The Festival Theatre, Edinburgh is the only tour venue in Scotland. This follows its completely sold run of 31 performances in January 2014. Seen by over 55,000 people, it remains the highest grossing show in the theatre's 20 year history.



Festival Theatre Chief Executive Duncan Hendry said, *"We had the great honour of bringing War Horse to Scotland for the first time in January 2014 and we're delighted to be bringing it back in 2018. Our relationship with the National Theatre has allowed us to offer our audiences exclusive opportunities to see these award-winning dramas..."*

'War Horse' Booking Slip

Please return to the school office by Monday 5 March

I wish my son/daughter _____, Class _____ to participate in the Year Group trip to Edinburgh on Wednesday 9 May. I enclose payment of £5 (cheques should be made payable to Lochaber High School).

Signed _____ parent/carer Date _____