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Dear Parent / Carer

*“By the prickling of my thumbs, something wicked this way comes,”* Macbeth,  
- It certainly is here at Willow Academy.

It is the time of year when our Year four and five children embrace the historical literature of William Shakespeare. Working with Open Minds Theatre Company, our children will be immersed in drama and performance to enhance their understanding and enjoyment of English.

The Open Minds Shakespeare Festival is an annual event, which actively engages thousands of children and young people in the works of Shakespeare through performance.

New for this year, we are thrilled and excited to announce that we will be performing the fantastic Macbeth on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017, at CAST, Doncaster. The cost will be £25 per pupil, which can be paid in instalments if required before the 25<sup>th</sup> June. For this the children will receive:

- 5 half day drama sessions with an expert from Open Minds Theatre Company who will put the performance together.
- A coach to and from the venue **for the day time** dress and technical rehearsals.
- DVD of the performance (Usually ready for September)
- A chance to perform at Cast
- Clothing for performance.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn about Shakespeare and get the chance to perform in their local theatre to their adoring fans (YOU).

Thank you

Year 4 and 5 team.