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Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 6 have been invited to attend a theatre performance at JAGS school on Monday 26th September 2016. The performance is called *While The Whales Came*, adapted from the novel by Michael Morpurgo. This is a brilliant opportunity for your child to learn more literature and theatre, and to enjoy books in another context. We will be leaving school after usual morning lessons at 11.00am and walking to the school. We will return to Bessemer by lunchtime, therefore your child does not need a packed lunch. If your child has any medical needs, please make sure their trip medication, as well as the medication kept in the office, is up to date. Children who require inhalers are responsible for themselves in Year 6, and so they need to remember to bring them out with us.

Why The Whales Came BY MICHAEL MORPURGO
Adapted for the stage by Dani Parr and Danyah Miller
in association with Watford Palace Theatre

We are delighted to announce our next one-woman family show, created by the same team who brought you the acclaimed and much-loved production of *'I Believe in Unicorns'*.

THE STORY

Multi-award-winning performer and storyteller Danyah Miller vividly brings to life another enchanting tale by Michael Morpurgo. *'Why The Whales Came'* is full of fun, mystery and adventure. Children Gracie and Daniel have been forbidden to go near the mysterious and seemingly dangerous Birdman. But messages and clues intrigue them and, after being lost at sea in the fog and stranded on his tiny island, they begin to unravel the Birdman's secrets, the villagers' fears and superstitions and learn why the whales came to the island.

If you have any questions please come and see your class teacher.

Best wishes

Matthew Barnes and Claire Richardson