

## ST. WINIFRED'S SCHOOL 2006 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION – TREASURE ISLAND

For those of you who have not experienced a St. Winifred's School Pantomime, you may be missing out on an extraordinary Christmas treat. This is no ordinary school play or panto; it is more of a Broadway, West End type production complete with dramatic sets, props, special effects and breathtaking costumes. Why last panto it even snowed!

This year's production will be an adaptation of "Treasure Island", which was written by Robert Louis Stevenson for his stepson in 1881. It's a thrilling tale of pirates, treasure, a mutiny and a one-armed sea cook, the infamous Long John Silver.

The story begins in the Benbow Inn, where we meet the comical Dame Edna, her son Jim, and two ditzy barmaids named Madeline and Matilda. One terrifying evening the mysterious Captain Billy Bones, who also lodges at the Inn, is kidnapped by Pirates. Jim discovers the Captain's old sea chest which houses the map to Treasure Island. Jim and his mother, with the assistance of Squire Trelawney and Doctor Livesey, hatch a plan to journey for the bounty.

Once on the island, Jim uncovers a mutinous plot by the ship's cook, Long John Silver, to steal the treasure. As Jim, Dame Edna and the barmaids search the island for help they meet Ben Gunn, a reformed pirate who was marooned by his fellow sailors three years ago. Ben offers to help Jim in return for passage home and a share of the treasure.

Ben leads the team in search of a remote Indian tribe who may be able to help them defeat Long John Silver. Suspense and comedy continue as the Pirates and the Indians face each other in a final bid for the bounty of Treasure Island.

Tickets for this exciting production will go on sale November 1st. Be sure to secure your seats early. This is a performance you don't want to miss!