



GIVING THEIR SUPPORT: Family members at the enrolment.

Theatre group to tell school a tale

A THEATRE group is taking a special performance to Oaklands Park School, Dawlish.

Tell Me A Tale will be taking its innovative and unique sensory show, which is created for young people with learning difficulties, to the special needs school on Wednesday, July 20.

Performances are created to encourage the audience to be part of the story using their senses.

They use rhyme, repetition, song and Makaton, a language programme using signs to help people communicate to get the audience to join in.

The stories focus on how the children respond individually and as a group to the performance and it adapts to their needs, skills and likes, explained artistic director Amber Onat Gregory.

She said: 'These performances give children who would normally find it challenging to engage with theatre the opportunity to embrace interactive storytelling and experience theatre using all their senses rather than just sight and sound.'

The current show on tour is Seasons, it takes the participants on a sensory journey through the

seasons.

Students have the chance to explore the sounds, smells, textures, tastes and sights of each season.

Oak Park School is the fourth special school in Devon on Tell Me A Tale's current tour.

Performer Sarah Middleton said: 'The performances have been very well received and the staff at the schools have been extremely supportive of our work.'

More details about Tell Me A Tale are available on the website www.tellmeatale.org.

