



# Love To Learn

29 October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers of Y5/6 Choir Children

## **YEAR 5/6 CHOIR - JOINT CONCERT WITH STAMFORD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA – BARN HILL METHODIST CHURCH – SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2018**

I am delighted to inform you that the Y5/6 Senior Choir have been asked to perform in a joint concert with the Stamford Chamber Orchestra.

Stamford Chamber Orchestra is an adult orchestra which perform concerts regularly with Conductor Michael Smedley. Michael is a very accomplished violinist as well as conductor and ABRSM examiner. He heard our choir sing last year at the Christmas Stamford Choral Society and was incredibly impressed with our children's singing, performance and exceptional behaviour.

Our choir is featuring alongside the Chamber Orchestra as 'The Stamford Chamber Orchestra Children's Choir', singing in joint pieces and singing our own pieces too. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to be singing alongside a live orchestra.

The concert will feature highlights from Nutcracker Suite, Beethoven's 5<sup>th</sup>, William Tell Overture and African songs.

The concert will take place on **Saturday 17 November at Barn Hill Methodist at 1830-1930.**

### **Rehearsal and Concert**

In preparation for the concert the children will continue to have rehearsals at school and there will be a rehearsal on the day at **Barn Hill. Please arrive between 1630 and 1645. The rehearsal will be 1700-1745.** I will meet you at the entrance to sign the children in and direct them to where they will be rehearsing.

It is very important that the children attend the rehearsal on the day in order to fully prepare themselves for a fantastic performance. It will be the first time that the children will have heard the orchestra play and rehearse with them.

For the rehearsal and concert, all children should wear the full school uniform as they are representing the school and the choir looks far more professional when everyone wears the same uniform. **Therefore, I ask you to make every effort to ensure that all the children wear a school sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo. Boys should wear grey trousers and a white shirt with tie and black shoes. Girls should wear a grey skirt or trousers with grey tights (matching their skirt colour), white shirt and tie and black shoes please. Ties should be worn. Y6 leavers' hoodies cannot be worn.**

Children should bring water and a small packed tea and drink to have before the concert.

### **Medication**

If your child needs any medication including an inhaler or an epi-pen, please hand it to me in a clearly named and labelled container on the day. Please note that I will not bring epi-pens or inhalers from school and you should bring your home epi-pens and inhalers.

### **Safeguarding**

The safeguarding of children is of paramount importance and the children will be accompanied by an adult at all times.

### **Collection after Rehearsals and the Concert**

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all the children, the children will be looked after until a parent collects them. Please give the name of the collecting adult and a contact number when you provide permission to attend.

### **Tickets for the Concert**

Tickets for the concert are available from Mrs Bell in the school office and you should direct all ticket requests to her. Tickets are priced at a concessionary rate of £6.00 and children are free.

### **Chaperones**

If you are able to help during the rehearsal and for the concert, your help would be most greatly appreciated. Please indicate appropriately when you give permission for your child to attend.

Stamford Chamber Orchestra is a non-profit making organisation. Any monies made from the sale of the tickets go towards the cost of hiring the venue. In addition, a donation will be made to our school which will be put towards the purchase of new musical equipment.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your child and we hope that all the Y5/6 choir children will be able to take advantage of this opportunity.

Thank you for your continued support of the choir.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Vicki Mills  
Choir Director

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Child: ..... Class: .....

- My child will be able to attend this concert
- Medication: .....
- Collection Arrangements: .....
- Contact No: .....

Signed: ..... (Parent/Guardian)