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Dear Parent/Carer,

CSMA CONCERT at FAIRFIELD HALLS on TUESDAY 17TH MARCH, 7pm.

Fairfield Halls, Park Lane, Croydon, CR9 1DG

I am delighted to announce that the Year 5 and 6 Choirs have been invited to take part in the Croydon Schools Music Association (CSMA) Festival of Music to celebrate the rich diversity of Croydon by joining together in song. The choir will join forces with several other Croydon school choirs to form the CSMA Junior Choir. This year the Junior Choir will present a celebration of music under the theme Sing, Shine and Celebrate, featuring a vibrant mix of songs that are motivating, and uplifting. Through this repertoire, they'll explore themes of hope, courage, friendship, and joy, encouraging every young voice to shine—both individually and together.

Rehearsals:

We will be learning the songs for the concert in our usual lunch time rehearsal, but we will also be required to attend four extra rehearsals where we will join with other Croydon schools taking part in the concert. **Please ensure your child has a bottle of water and a healthy snack to take with them for these rehearsals.** The additional rehearsals are:

- **Thursday 22nd January** (10am-12pm) at Howard Primary School (Dering Place, Croydon CR0 1DT). We will travel by bus, leaving school at 9.00am and arriving back at Rockmount by approximately 1.00pm. Children will then eat lunch in school before afternoon lessons commence.
- **Wednesday 11th February** (1-3pm) at Howard Primary School. We will travel by bus, leaving school at 12pm (**after an early lunch in school**) and arrive back at Rockmount by approximately 4.00pm.
- **Tuesday 10th March** (10am-12pm) at Fairfield Halls. We will travel by bus, leaving school at 9.00am and arriving back at Rockmount by approximately 1.00pm. Children will then eat lunch in school before afternoon lessons commence.
- **Tuesday 17th March** (10am-12pm on the morning of the concert) at Fairfield Halls. We will travel by bus, leaving school at 9am and arriving back at Rockmount by approximately 1.00pm. Children will then eat lunch in school before afternoon lessons commence.

As there is a chance we might be back too late for usual school dinners on Thursday 22nd January, Tuesday 10th and 17th March, please ensure your child has a **packed lunch** (that they can eat back in school), as well as a bottle of water and healthy snack. If you require a school packed lunch please select this option on the permission slip.

Concert:

The concert will take place on **Tuesday 17th March, 7pm at Fairfield Halls** (Park Lane, Croydon, CR9 1DG). **Parents/carers are responsible for bringing children to and from the concert.** Children will need to arrive at Fairfield Halls by approximately 6.30pm (time to be confirmed nearer the time). Please note, you do not have to attend the concert, but it is essential that you are able to drop off and collect your child at Fairfield Halls in order for them to take part. Tickets will be available to buy directly from Fairfield Box office nearer the time (we are usually notified when tickets are released). The concert is due to finish at approximately 9.00pm.

Learning the songs:

At the beginning of next term, I will be given the songs we are performing. Your child will then be given a lyric booklet and I will also upload the lyrics and backing tracks for the songs on Google Classroom.

There are a lot of songs to learn and some parental support and encouragement is vital so that your child can really enjoy the rehearsals and concert. Lyric sheets are not permitted in the concert so the sooner children start learning the lyrics the better.

If you are happy for your child to take part, please complete the attached **permission slip** and return it to Miss Symons by **Friday 9th January**.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Symons
(Music teacher and coordinator)

PLEASE DETACH THE PERMISSION SLIP AND KEEP HOLD OF THIS LETTER

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Year 5&6 Choir: CSMA JUNIOR CHOIR CONCERT: 17th MARCH, 7pm at FAIRFIELD HALLS

Child's name:

Class:

THE CONCERT:

- I give permission for my child to take part in the evening concert on **Tuesday 17th March at 7pm** in **Fairfield Halls**. **I will be attending the concert** and will ensure my child arrives at Fairfield Halls by **6.30pm** and meet them at the agreed meeting place after the concert.
- I give permission for my child to take part in the evening concert on **Tuesday 17th March at 7pm** in **Fairfield Halls**. **I am unable to attend the concert, but I will ensure my child arrives at Fairfield Halls by 6.30pm and collected after the concert at 9pm (exact time tbc)**. The adult who will be dropping off and collecting my child after the concert is _____, and can be contacted on the night on this number _____. **I understand that the school will have to approve these arrangements in order for my child to take part.**
- My child is **unable to attend** the concert.

THE REHEARSALS:

PLEASE NOTE IF YOUR CHILD IS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CONCERT THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE REHEARSALS OUT OF SCHOOL.

- I give permission for my child to attend the **afternoon** rehearsal at **Howard Primary School** on **Wednesday 11th February**. I understand my child will not arrive back at **Rockmount** until **4pm**. **Please indicate how your child will be getting home from Rockmount on these days:**
 - My child will be collected from School at 4pm
 - My child has permission to go home alone.
 - My child will go to After School Club at 4pm
 - My child will be unable to attend this rehearsal
- I will ensure my child takes a bottle of water and a healthy snack to all the rehearsals and also a packed lunch on **Thursday 22nd January, Tuesday 10th and 17th March**. **Please tick this box if your child will require a school packed lunch and select your sandwich choice:**
 Tuna mayo Egg mayo Cheese Vegan

Parent helpers: If you would like to help support travel to/from rehearsals please specify dates you can do:

Thurs 22nd Jan(am) **Wed 11th Feb(pm)** **Tues 10th March (am)** **Tues 17th March (am)**

Contact email: Contact tel. number:

Signed _____ Parent/Carer

Date _____