



THE DOWNLEY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Bucks Music Trust are organising a concert at the Royal Albert Hall called 'Echoes 8' on **Monday 18th March 2019**. Children in Year 4 will have the opportunity to sing a selection of songs in unison and in 2 parts with 50 other schools from Buckinghamshire. The theme of the songs is all about 'life and love'. There are 30 places available and children who have shown good attendance in Miss Ball's choir will have priority for the places first. After that places will be allocated by names being drawn out randomly. The choir will be performing in the first half and then joining in with the finale item in the second half. On the day of the performance I will not be with the children but Miss Ball will be the teacher in charge.

The children will need to wear their school uniform on their bottom half and school shoes. Fay Hayhurst will be conducting the children and she has requested that all children wear white T-shirts. Bucks Music Trust will be buying them and distributing to schools before the day of the performance.

On the day of the performance, Monday 18th March the children will have an early lunch and leave school at 11.30am to travel to London. They will then rehearse with the schools taking part in the first half from 2pm -4pm and then again at 4.30pm for the finale item. The performance starts at 7pm and is due to finish at 9.00 pm. We should arrive back at school 10.15pm (subject to traffic conditions). As it will be a late night for the children taking part, it has been agreed that the children may come into school later the next morning. The children need to arrive by 9.45am on Tuesday 19th so that they can be ready to go swimming.

In order to prepare for the performance, the children will have regular rehearsals in curriculum music on Fridays and then at 2.45-3.15 on Fridays as well. In addition, they will attend a large cluster rehearsal at The Kings Church, Amersham on Wednesday 27th February from 9.30am-2.30pm.

The cost of the coach travel is still being finalised as Bucks Music Trust are going to try and cover 50% of the cost. Therefore I am estimating that the cost of the trip will be around £10 for both of the journeys. Once this has been finalised we will further details will be provided.

The performance will be recorded and a D.V.D will be available to buy. Photographs will also be taken during the rehearsals and may be used in the programme.

This is a brilliant opportunity for the children and a very exciting event. If you wish to purchase tickets they go on sale in two weeks and are available from the Royal Albert Hall



Box Office in person, by booking online or by telephone. Coach transport is only provided for the children that are taking part in the concert; however, if there was enough interest from parents, the school may look in to booking a further coach to transport adults who wish to be part of the audience. There would be a charge to cover this cost.

Please return the attached slip to provide permission for your child's attendance at the rehearsals and the performance by Friday 18th January 2019.

If you require any further information in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E. Martin - Music Teacher Mrs Fyfe, Miss Ball, Mrs Richards

ECHOES 8 CONCERT- ROYAL ALBERT HALL

Name of child

My child will/will not be able to participate in the 'Echoes 8' at the Royal Albert Hall on 18th March 2019.

I give permission for my child to travel by coach to the Kings Church, Amersham on Wednesday 27th February and The Royal Albert Hall on Monday 18th March 2019.

I give permission for my child to be filmed during the performance and have photographs taken.

Contact telephone number for Monday 18th March 2019:

I would/would not be interested in booking places on an 'adult' coach and would like places.

I agree to pay the coach travel costs which will be about £10 via parent pay once costs have been confirmed.

Signed Parent/Guardian

Date