

Dear Parents and Carers,

17th January 2025

CSMA Festival of Music – Tuesday 18th March 2025

We have been invited to take part in the Croydon Schools' Music Association's Festival of Music to be performed at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon on Tuesday 18th March at 7pm (finishing at approximately 8.15pm). This is an exciting opportunity for our children to take part in a concert alongside children from other Croydon Borough schools. The children will perform a variety of songs around the theme of "How Was Your Day?" where they will sing about the events of an ordinary school day, from struggling to get out of bed, through to getting tired and dreaming themselves back to sleep. There will be comical reminders about the school rules, fun playtime songs and an after-school swimming lesson!

Choir practices will be held during the school day as part of the Year 2 music curriculum. The words and actions for the songs will need to learned by heart, so extra practice may be needed at home. All children will take part in the practices and rehearsals, and whilst we would like all children to take part in the final concert, this is not compulsory.

Please note the following information regarding rehearsals:

- There will be a rehearsal at Keston Primary School on Tuesday 4th February from 1.30pm 3pm (these times tbc) and we will walk the children to and from Keston for this practice. This is covered under the "permission for local visits" form which has been signed by all parents.
- There will be a second rehearsal at Fairfield Halls on Tuesday 4th March from 12:45pm-2.45pm. We will have an early lunch and travel there and back by bus We anticipate that we will arrive back at school between 3.30pm and 3.45pm. (We will notify you by text if we are running later than this).
- The final rehearsal will take place at Fairfield Halls from **10am-12pm on Tuesday 18th March** (the performance day). Once again, we will travel there and back by bus and have lunch when we return.

Please note that on the evening of the concert, children will need to be taken to and from Fairfield Halls by parents (or another adult), but we anticipate that most of you will wish to stay and watch the concert anyway. Tickets will go on sale directly from the Fairfield Halls online Box Office shortly before half term. I will advise the exact date when we know it. For your information, last year's audience tickets cost approximately £15.

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Please click on the Google link to give permission for your child to travel by bus to the rehearsals at Fairfield Halls, and to indicate whether or not your child would like to take part in the concert performance on the 18th March. We will need parental help for all of the rehearsals; if you are available and would like to accompany us, please indicate your availability on the Google form.

Further information about audience tickets etc. will follow in due course.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs S Bonnick & Mrs K Jackson Year 2









