

January 2019

**To Parents of Pupils in Lower 3**

Dear Parents,

I am excited to inform you that all pupils in L3 are invited to take part in the Billericay School's Music Association Junior Festival this year, which takes place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at the Towngate Theatre, Basildon. The concert offers our children the chance to perform in a large scale musical event at a prestigious venue and is an exciting and worthwhile opportunity for them. Performances start at 7.00pm and last between 1 and 1 ¼ hours.

The class will be preparing for the concerts in their weekly music lessons and in addition they will get the chance to rehearse with pupils from the other 8 participating schools in Billericay. These rehearsals are scheduled as followed:

Tuesday 5th February	Orchestra at Quilters School	9.15 – 11.30 am
Wednesday 13th February	Choir at Brightside School	9.15 -11.30 am
Tuesday 12th March	Choir at Buttsbury School	9.00 -11.30am
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Orchestra at Quilters School	9.15 – 11.30am
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	All - day rehearsal, at Towngate and	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Evening Concert	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	2 <sup>nd</sup> Evening Concert	timings to be confirmed

The theme for this year's concerts, is *A Century of Music*. The choir of over 300 will wear T-shirts displaying a logo to tie in with this theme, for which there will be a small charge of £4.00 per pupil.

The choir rehearsals this year are being held within walking distance of St John's school. Therefore, on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> February, we aim to leave school at 8.45am to walk the choir to Brightside School and at the same time on Tuesday 12th March to go to Buttsbury school. The orchestra rehearsals are being held at Quilters school on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday, 19th March. However, for the final rehearsal on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at The Towngate Theatre, Basildon, we hope you will be able to help by dropping off and collecting your son/daughter from the theatre at the given times. We have made these arrangements to avoid passing on the cost of a coach. If you have any difficulties with these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Fleming to discuss options.

I should be grateful if you would complete and return the slip below no later than Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Miss K J Ibbotson  
Head of Music

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**TO BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019**

Child's Name: ..... Form: .....

I have enclosed the sum of £4

My child is able to take part in the B.S.M.A. Music Festival on **both** nights, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March **and** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and I give permission for him/her to attend the rehearsals detailed above.

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