

September 2025

## Dear Parents and carers

We are pleased to confirm that your child has a place in choir this year. If, for any reason, they no longer want to join please let me know as soon as possible as there is a waiting list.

Please complete the form <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/zHy8wxFxXL">https://forms.office.com/e/zHy8wxFxXL</a> to confirm your child's place.

This letter outlines some of the plans for the year and gives some dates for your diaries.

Rehearsals for choir will be held on Thursdays from 3.20pm to 4.15pm. The first rehearsal will be on **Thursday 12**th **September.** 

It is very important that if your child isn't staying for choir on a particular day that they let either me or the office know before they leave school. We understand that there will be occasional weeks when children might not be able to come but if their attendance is very irregular, we may offer their place to someone on the waiting list instead. Pickup will be from the double doors in the hall by reception.

## Concerts

Choir members are expected, where possible, to make themselves available for all concerts. However, if your child is unable to attend a particular event then please let me know as soon as possible.

We already have some exciting trips and performances planned, as below, although please note that not all dates are confirmed as yet.

- -Courthouse Christmas Fair 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at12noon
- -Carols in the playground: 19th December 2024 at 3:20pm
- -Young Voices: -- 10th February 2025, Wembley Arena
- -Performing Arts Concert 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 (tbc)
- -Summer Fayre (tbc)

There may be other events that may arise throughout the school year.

## **Young Voices**

We will be taking part, again, in the Young Voices concert at Wembley Arena in February. There will be a separate communication, in the next few weeks, detailing how to buy tickets for this, order event T-shirts and access online rehearsal materials.

The cost of attending this concert will be around £13. I am passionate about keeping choir as a free club if possible because so many staff give up their time for nothing but we can only run trips such as this with your support in paying for the coach costs.

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Please use the form linked above to indicate at this stage whether your child will be coming to Wembley with us and to agree to pay their travel costs. I really would encourage as many children as possible to come – we have run this trip many times now and it is always a fantastic experience for everyone involved.

We certainly don't want any of our children missing out due to financial constraints, so if the cost of this causes any problems for you, please come and let us know and we can sort something out.

## **Choir T-shirts**

When the choir perform, we generally wear green choir t-shirts. We have a supply at school for children to borrow but most children prefer to have their own. If you would like to order one of these, the cost is £7 for sizes up to 12-13 and £8 for larger sizes. Please bring the money into the office in a sealed envelope clearly labelled with your child's name, class and size of t-shirt required. I will leave a selection of sizes in reception to give an idea of sizing.

They come in age 7-9, 9-11, 12-13 (£7) 14-15 and adult, s, m and l. (£8) Orders must be in by 30<sup>th</sup> September.

If you have any questions, please either email choir@courthousejunior.co.uk or I am always available to chat to after choir on Thursdays.

Kind Regards Lorna Ridley

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