



The Federation of Winklebury Infant and Junior Schools

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Dear Parents,

Choir Performance at Basingstoke Variety Show on Saturday 1st October 2106

We are getting very excited as the date draws closer to The Federation of Winklebury Infant and Junior Schools choir performing at The Basingstoke Variety Show. I am very impressed at the practise they have all put in over the summer holidays. However, with limited rehearsal time before the performance, please encourage your child to keep practising the words – it really is mostly only the choruses as verses are performed by soloists. I will leave a number of copies of the song words with the admin team, should your child need new words.

We are also pleased to announce that several members of the choir attended the audition for solos. The audition process lasted about 3 hours and involved several activities and opportunities for the children to sing in small groups and eventually on their own using a microphone with a live band. We are very proud of all the children who attended, and I have had great feedback from the show team about the behaviour and courage of all those who auditioned. Congratulations to Ellie King who has been selected to perform a solo part in one of the schools pieces.

If you are receiving this letter, your child has been attending the rehearsals for the show at The Anvil, but it is a long time since we completed the initial consent form, before the school holidays, and we understand from some children that their attendance at the event may have changed – some children have told me they can now come when they were unable to before, and vice versa. To ensure we have the most up to date information, please complete the below reply slip so we have an up to date list of definite numbers as soon as possible. We urgently need to confirm these details with the organisers, so please return the slip by Wednesday 28th September. Thank you.

We have been informed that tickets are selling very fast and the event is usually sold out, so we would recommend that if you wish to attend, you buy your ticket soon. Tickets cost £15 for Adults and £11 for over 65s and under 16s. They are available from The Anvil box office in person, by phone 01256 844244 or from their website www.anvilarts.org.uk.

Arrangements for the day

On Saturday 1st October you child will need to be at The Anvil for 2.45pm. We will meet the children in front of The Anvil's main entrance. Please ensure that you have registered your child with us before leaving. The children will then remain in The Anvil with us until the end of the show. We will be taking part in several rehearsals and practises before the concert starting at 7.30pm.

Your child needs to wear their white choir shirt with grey/black school skirt or trousers, clean school shoes and black or white socks just as they would on a normal school day (no pinafore dresses or summer dresses please). We are performing with at least three other Basingstoke School Choirs and the organisers would like us to look similar. They will not need their school logo jumpers or cardigans as it will get too hot in The Anvil.

The children will need to bring a packed tea, drink and water bottle (no glass bottles, please). They can bring a small bag with their packed lunch in and, as it is a long day, something that they can do quietly if we have periods of time when we are waiting. We suggest a book to read, a card game or puzzle book. No electronic or expensive toys please, and your child will need to take responsibility for it themselves.

If your child requires any medication or inhalers with them, please can you make sure they bring their medication from home and that it is handed over to us when you bring your child to The Anvil. Please can you indicate on the attached form if your child has regular medication and that you understand that you will be required to provide it for this event.

The show is estimated to end at 10.00pm. We will escort the children to our meeting point which is in the Circle Bar. We will then make sure that each child is reunited with the correct adult. As you can probably appreciate, The Anvil will be very busy so please be patient, we need to make sure that every child and any belongings or medication is reunited successfully with you. It would also help us to know if you will be, or are intending to be in, the audience, so please can you indicate this on our reply slip. Please also include your up to date contact details.

Finally, photos will be taken during the rehearsal on the day, and the performance, and these will be displayed on the BVS Facebook page for parents and performers to be able to see. Please give permission for your child to be included in these photos, as it will be very difficult to ensure that a handful of children are not photographed. If your child is unable to have their photo taken, we may have to consider whether they can continue to attend the show.

If you have any questions, please contact us. We will try our best to answer your questions and if we do not know the answers straight away, we will find out from the organisers.

We are looking forward to a very exciting show!

Yours sincerely

Mrs M. Rennison
Choir Leader

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Anvil Performance Saturday 1st October 2016 - Confirmation

Child's name Class

- I confirm that will be attending The Variety Show Concert at The Anvil on 1st October.
- My child will be bringing the following medication from home
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- I will/will not (*please delete as appropriate*) be in the audience for The Variety Show Concert at the Anvil 1st October.

At the end of the show (approximately 10.00pm) my child will be collected by:

Name..... Relationship

Contact number.....

I give permission for photographs of my child to be taken during rehearsals, that may be displayed on screens during the performance, and will be uploaded to the show's Facebook page for parents and performers to see.

Signed.....(Parent) Date