



HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

**OUR SCHOOL VALUES: RESPECT - UNDERSTANDING – PEACE – HONESTY – RESPONSIBILITY - TEAMWORK**

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Headteacher: Mrs Rosie Phillips

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents

### **Echoes and inConcert 2019**

This Spring, Hawridge & Cholesbury are taking part in two fantastic music events; in March, primary schools from across the whole of the county will be coming together to perform at the Royal Albert Hall at the Echoes Event; in April, the local primary schools will be singing together in the Annual Chiltern Musical Festival, inConcert.

Your child has expressed a desire to be in the school choir and to take part in these two performances. The aim of this letter is to ask you for your approval for them to participate and also for you to acknowledge your agreement to the schedule of rehearsals and the transport commitment being asked of you.

Your child's commitment is to attend choir each week at school, come to the rehearsals and take part in both events. They will be expected to learn 16 songs - 8 songs for each performance, all of which are to be performed off copy. This is an very exciting opportunity for the children and has been a great success for many years.

There are rehearsals which your child will need to attend as well as the performances themselves and the details are as follows:

<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>[Echoes]</b>	Rehearsal at Chartridge School, Chesham 9.30am and 12.00pm.
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>[Echoes]</b>	Rehearsal at Kings Church, Raans Road, Amersham HP6 6LX 9.30am – 2.30pm
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>[Echoes]</b>	Echoes Rehearsal and Concert at the Albert Hall, London Rehearsal: 2pm – 5.30pm (the children will stay at the venue) Performance: 7pm – 9.15pm Further info regarding snacks/lunch/dinner will be sent out later.
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>[inConcert]</b>	Final Rehearsal at Elangeni School, Amersham 9.15am – 12pm
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> <b>[inConcert]</b>	Festival Concert at Kings Church, Amersham 7.00pm start.

A major factor in the cost of these rehearsals and events, is the use of coaches. Whilst there is some reimbursement, it will not cover more than 50% of the cost to the school. For this reason, we would ask that the following transport arrangements are used:

- **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** - Parents need to drop their child off at Chartridge School at 9.20am. A coach will collect children at 12pm and transport them back to school for lunch.
- **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** - Parents need to drop their child off at Kings Church in Amersham at 9.20am and pick them back up at 2.30pm. Children will need to take a packed lunch with them.
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Echoes Concert and rehearsal** - Children will be transported there and back by coach. Any parents attending the concert should make their own transport arrangements there and back. Only the children and staff will go and return on the coach.
- **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents need to drop their child off at Elangeni School (Amersham) at 9.05am. A coach will collect children at 12pm and transport them back to school for lunch.
- **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - inConcert Performance and rehearsal** - Parents need to drop their child off at the Kings Church in Amersham for a 3.30pm rehearsal. Members of staff will be at the venue. All children then stay at the Church until the end of the Concert, which finishes at approximately 8pm. Therefore they will need to take a snack and packed evening meal with them.

We are asking for a contribution of £11.50 per child please to go towards the cost of the three coaches that are required. The remainder of the coach costs will be subsidised by inConcert and Echoes.

Further information will be given nearer to the events about uniform, meals and timings.

Tickets for the Echoes event will be sold via the Royal Albert Hall Box Office and should be available in the next few days.

inConcert tickets will be sold via school and we shall be contacting you again when these become available.

Please could you complete the slip below to indicate that you are happy for your child to participate in these two events (the choir members will be expected to participate in both). Please can you also tick to acknowledge: that you are aware of the key dates; that you give permission for your child to participate; and that you are happy for them to travel on the various coaches.

*Places are limited so will be filled by Y6 and Y5 first and then Y4.*

Please return the completed slip and pay £11.50 online via the SchoolMoney system by Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Kind regards  
Mrs Kretschmer



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## 2019 Echoes and inConcert

Name of Child: ..... Class: .....

- ☐ **My child will attend both the Echoes and inConcert Performances on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 respectively.**
- ☐ I give permission for my child to attend ALL the required rehearsals and for them to travel by coach back to school for those which finish at lunch time.
- ☐ I will arrange for my child's transportation to the rehearsals on 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February.
- ☐ I will arrange for my child's transportation to and from the rehearsal on Wed, 27<sup>th</sup> February.
- ☐ I will arrange for my child's transportation to and from the inConcert rehearsal and performance on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019
- ☐ I have paid £11.50 online via SchoolMoney towards the cost of the coaches.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Please return the completed slip and pay £11.50 online via the SchoolMoney system by Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Year 4 only need to return the slip initially until they know they definitely have a place