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### **Christmas Concerts 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that our Federation has been asked to perform at two Christmas concerts this year. Our federation choir (years 3-6) have been invited to participate in the **Harrogate Christmas Concert at the Royal Hall** and the **Victorian Fayre in Otley**. Details of all events and how to join are detailed below.

#### **Victorian Christmas Fayre – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 (Years 3-6)**

Children across the Federation, in Years 3-6, have been invited to perform at the Otley Victorian Christmas Fayre on Sunday 1st December. Children will be required 12:30 until 1:30pm and are to be supervised by parents at this wonderful family event. More information and a meeting time and location will be sent closer to the time.

Children will be dressing as Victorians for the event, and will be provided with waistcoats/pinafores and hats. We therefore require girls to wear long black skirts and black long sleeve tops, and boys to wear grey trousers and a white shirt, to complete the Victorian costumes.

Refreshments will be available for all staff, children and parents in the Chippendale Café after the performance and families are then free to enjoy the rest of the afternoon's activities.

If you would like your child to attend the event, please complete the booking via ParentMail by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Children must be available for rehearsals every Wednesday lunchtime for the Autumn 2 half term.

#### **Harrogate Christmas Concert at the Royal Hall – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 (Federation Choir – selected Years 3-6)**

The Federation Choir (Years 3-6) have been invited to participate in the Harrogate Christmas Concert, singing alongside Harrogate Symphony Orchestra for a live musical performance. If your child is in Years 3-6, they are encouraged to join the choir and become part of this exciting event where they will perform alongside other children from both Harrogate and Knaresborough schools, singing Christmas songs to a wide audience, accompanied by the orchestra. A singing co-ordinator involved in the event will be coming into school to work with the children prior to the performance, which will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to represent our federation and staff members will also go along to support, supervise the children, and enjoy the singing too.

To join the Federation choir, children must be able to commit to attending rehearsals every Wednesday lunchtime for the Autumn 2 half term. On the day, you will need drop your child off at: The Royal Hall Harrogate, Ripon Road, HG1 2SY, for 2pm to begin rehearsals.

Children will be required to wear full school uniform for the event and bring a packed tea and some snacks for the interval, as well as plenty to drink. All items should be named please.

The children will be involved in rehearsals alongside the orchestra throughout the afternoon and then will take to the stage for the concert, which starts at 6pm and ends at 8.20pm. Children will be signed out by staff members at the end of the concert.

Please see the programme attached which has further details about the performance.

Tickets are now on sale priced £16 Grand Circle, £15 Dress Circle and £14 Grand Hall for adults. As always, students are ½ price and 11s and under are free, when accompanied by an adult. The organisers are asking schools/parents to get their own tickets, which can be purchased from the Theatre Box Office (tel. 01423 502116) or online at <https://www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk/events/the-harrogate-christmas-concert-2025/>

Please invite family and friends.

As you can appreciate with the number of schools participating, places are limited and we can only take 12 children from each of the three schools. We will therefore be opening a booking system via ParentMail, at 6pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October and spaces will be on a first come first serve basis. If you are unsuccessful in booking a space, you will be able to add your name to a waiting list, should a position become available. If children miss two rehearsals in a row, the space will then be given to the next person on the waiting list.

Warmest Regards

Miss Kirkman



Executive Headteacher