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Dear Parents/Carers,

This year, Berkshire Maestros' Junior Music Festival will be taking place on Wednesday 26th March. The festival will take place at the Hexagon at 7pm. As a school, we have decided to offer this opportunity to the whole of year 4, giving each child the experience of singing in a live venue, in front of an audience with other children their age. This is an exciting opportunity for them all and we hope that they will enjoy this experience. This year, the theme is 'A Night at the Movies', and it will allow the children to sing different songs, some of which may already be familiar to them.

There will be two rehearsals when children taking part in the festival will meet together with other schools to rehearse. There will be morning rehearsals on Tuesday 19th November and Tuesday 11th February. These will take place at Calcot Primary school and Katesgrove Primary school and will start at 9.30am. School will be covering the cost of the transport to and from the rehearsal venues. We will let you know any arrangements for these days nearer the time. There will also be a final rehearsal for everyone involved on the afternoon of the festival at the Hexagon.

The music for the festival will be rehearsed in school each week, but children will be required to learn all the words for the songs by heart and this will have to be done at home, so your support will be needed. The link and password has been added onto the children's Google Classroom.

Concert Day

On the day of the concert, there will be a rehearsal during the afternoon from 14.00 - 17.00. The concert starts at 19.00 and runs with no interval so we would estimate an end time of around 20.15 but no later than 20.30. After the rehearsal, parents will be required to collect their child from the Hexagon at 17:00 and then return them to the Hexagon at 18:30. This will allow the children time to have something to eat and get changed into their concert dress.

Concert Dress

Children can dress as their favourite film or cartoon character. It does not have to be from the songs we are performing, it can be anything related to the theme. T-shirts with pictures of characters/films can also be worn. Children can also choose to dress in bright clothing. There are a few limitations:

- No onesies please - These are incredibly warm and will inevitably end up with someone passing out!
- No particularly wide outfits – we are limited on space so anything too bulky or wide would potentially cause issues.
- No big/tall hats – this will block the view of the person behind particularly if sitting on the stage.
- No face coverings – we really need to see the children's face.

Tickets

Tickets will be priced at £17.50 & £13.50 (concessions) which includes the Hexagon £2.50 booking fee. There will be a specific on-sale date (1 date per concert) that will be agreed with the Hexagon asap, but it is likely to be sometime in January 2025. Tickets will need to be purchased directly from the Hexagon box office and we will send you all the information you need in advance of the on-sale date.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs C Haines, Miss Marney and Mrs Harris

Berkshire Maestros' Junior Music Festival Wednesday 26th March 2025

Name

Class



I give permission for my child to attend The Berkshire Maestros Junior Music Festival which includes the rehearsals.

Signed

Date.....



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