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Dear Year 4 Parents and Carers

Re: SAPSMA Concert at the Alban Arena 27th March 2024

Every year the St Albans Primary Schools Music Association (SAPSMA) arranges a concert at the Alban Arena to bring together the children of the area to sing. This is a fantastic event which we took part in last year. The concert will take place on **Wednesday 27th March** - our allocated concert time is **7.00pm**. We are inviting all Year 4 pupils to take part in this experience. Please encourage the children to learn the words as the more they put in, the more they will get out of the event. A lot of work goes into the preparation of the children for the concert including two rehearsals prior to the day and one on the day itself. This letter gives you information about these.

Wednesday 6th March 2024 (1st Rehearsal)

Rehearsals at Mandeville Primary School, Mandeville Drive, St Albans AL1 2LE 9.15am – 11.30am.

Please can we ask that you drop your child off at Mandeville School on Wed 6th March, at 9.15am, instead of bringing them to London Colney School. We need some help in getting the children back to school after the rehearsal, when it finishes at 11.30am, if you are able to help please could you let us know. It will involve collecting your child and 2, 3 or 4 other children from Mandeville School and bringing them back to London Colney School. Several schools are attending the same rehearsal so it is likely to be busy and you may need to find somewhere to park. Please do not drop your children off early, 9.15am is the drop off time, this is after Mandeville Schools own morning drop off. If you have children in other year groups at London Colney School, please make the drop of at Mandeville first and then drop off at London Colney School.

- *Please can children bring packed lunch, if you are in receipt of FSM and require a school packed lunch please let us know.*

Wednesday 20th March 2024 (2nd rehearsal)

Rehearsals at Mandeville Primary School, Mandeville Drive, St Albans AL1 2LE 9.15am – 11.30am.

Please can we ask that you drop your child off at Mandeville School on Wed 20th March, at 9.15am, instead of bringing them to London Colney School. We are hoping to secure a minibus to bring children back to school after the rehearsal but we may need to ask parents to help us with this, so if you are available to help please could you let us know. Several schools are attending the same rehearsal so it is likely to be busy and you may need to find somewhere to park. Please do not drop your children off early, 9.15am is the drop off time, this is after Mandeville Schools own morning drop off. If you have children in other year groups at London Colney School please make the drop of at Mandeville first and then drop off at London Colney School.

- *Please can children bring packed lunch, if you are in receipt of FSM and require a school packed lunch please let us know.*

Wednesday 27th March 2024, Rehearsal at the Alban Arena 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Please could we ask that you collect your children from the Alban Arena at 3.00pm on Wednesday 27th March. If you have children in other year groups at London Colney School please could you collect from the Alban Arena before collecting from London Colney School. The Alban Arena is in the town centre, it will be busy, so please allow time to park and get to the Alban Arena for 3.00pm, we will have a staff member there waiting with your children but they need to return to school also, so please do not be late.

Final arrangements for the concert Wednesday 27th March at 7.00pm.....

.... have yet to be fully confirmed by the organisers. We do know that the children will be performing at the 7.00pm concert. Parents will need to take and collect their children for the concert. Children need to arrive at the Alban Arena at 6.30pm, again please do not be late.

Dress code for the concert

SAPSMA T-shirts – to be provided by School on the day

Black trousers / leggings and black soft shoes (e.g. plimsolls, jazz shoes/clean black trainers)

Tickets

Tickets for parents will be available for the concert through the Alban Arena Box Office – you do not need to buy a ticket for your Year 4 child as they are participating. This is usually a 'sell out' event so you should aim to buy your tickets as soon as possible. Please ensure that when booking you choose the 7.00pm performance (there are two other SAPSMA concerts on that day).

We will let you know when tickets are available to buy, they are not in the 'Box Office' yet.

We hope that we have included all the information that you need – if there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact us and we look forward to seeing you having fun and enjoying the singing at the concert.

Yours faithfully

Sarah Joyce
Headteacher