

11th December 2024

Dear all,

Year 5 United Voices – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Year 5 have an exciting opportunity on Wednesday 15th January 2025 to join other schools within the Chichester Locality to present 'United Voices'; a selection of contemporary and upbeat songs performed by our massed choir at Chichester Festival Theatre.

Year 5 have already been working hard to learn the six songs we will be presenting and we have some extra practise time booked in with the other schools on Friday 10th January at CFS during the school day.

Day Rehearsal of Wednesday 15th January 2025

We will be leaving CFS at 0900hrs and walking to Chichester Festival Theatre for a stage rehearsal which begins at 1030hrs and finishes at 1430hrs. Year 5 will be accompanied by school staff but we will need additional volunteers to support us during this rehearsal, including the walk to and from the theatre. If you are able to support us, please contact your child's class teacher.

Our intention is to walk the children back to school after the rehearsal for arrival at 1515-1530hrs. Those children who attend clubs can then attend as normal. There is also an option for you to collect your child from Chichester Festival Theatre at 1430hrs. If you would like to collect your child at this time, [please complete this form](#) so we have them ready for you. Please ensure that you are prompt to collect your child as any delays may result in the group being delayed for their return back to school.

For the rehearsal during the school day your child will need:

- Full school uniform including shoes suitable for walking
- A waterproof, warm coat
- A packed lunch (*pupils in receipt of free school meals will have a packed lunch provided for them*)
- Water bottle
- Any required medication

Evening Performance on Wednesday 15th January 2025

Pupils must return to the Chichester Festival Theatre for 1830hrs. Parents must drop children off at the Pimlott Building where the road will be closed off. Parents/carers will need to park in the CFT Car Park and walk round to the Minerva Theatre to then drop off and then collect their child after the concert. If you have a ticket for the event, you can take your seats after dropping off your child. The performance is scheduled to run from 1900hrs – 2000hrs with no interval. There are a few seats available if you have not yet booked them, available to book on the CFT website here: <https://www.cft.org.uk/book/instance/774002>

For the evening performance your child will need to wear:

- Any brightly coloured PLAIN T shirt (with a crew neck and without patterns or logos)
- Black or grey school trousers or leggings, with dark school shoes (no trainers, wheelie trainers or flashing lights, no skirts)

If you are not attending the performance, your child will remain with school staff until you collect them at 2000hrs. If there are any alternative collection arrangements, please ensure that your child's class teacher is aware.

We hope that all of our Year 5 children will seize this opportunity to perform on stage, but, if your child is unable to make the evening performance, please let us know so that we are aware. All children in school will be involved in the in-school rehearsal on Friday 10th January and the day rehearsal on Wednesday 15th January at the CFT.

Being a local visit, you have already given permission for your child to attend. We will be taking emergency contact and medical details from what you have provided on ParentPay when you made the Year 5 Annual Primary Trip Contribution. If there has been changes to this since you made this contribution please email your child's class teacher with the update. However, there are a small number of parents who have not yet contributed and therefore we do not have up to date emergency and medical information. I will be contacting parents for whom this is the case separately via email over the coming days.

As I, and supported by Mrs Davis, am the lead teacher on this event please feel free to contact me if you have any queries or concerns.

Please email at: ctunncliffe@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk or talk to me at the main pupil gate.

I hope that you get the opportunity to listen to our children sing, they really are fantastic and have worked very hard on these songs.

Kind regards,

Mrs Claire Tunncliffe
Assistant Head (Primary) and Primary Music Lead