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Dear Parent/Carer

**PRIMARY CHOIR  
SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE MUSIC HUB  
GALA CONCERT at the COLSTON HALL  
4.00PM - SUNDAY 13 MARCH 2016**

I am delighted to inform you of the arrangements for the fourth Gala Concert at the Colston Hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity for South Glos Young Musicians to perform in our most local prestigious venue showcasing the wonderful music making which is happening in our Music Hub.

The programme will feature your son/daughter singing in a Primary School Choir of 250 and musicians from the Senior and Development Centres, Flutissimi and Junior Choir. In all 600 young musicians!

**Massed choir rehearsal - Friday 11 March 2016 (during school day)**

Little Stoke Primary School  
Little Stoke Lane, Little Stoke. BS34 6HY  
Music Hub: Tel: 01454 863147

All children should bring a bottle of water, a snack and a packed lunch. Coaches have been booked to transport all pupils to and from Little Stoke School.

**Colston Hall Rehearsal - Sunday 13 March 2.00 – 3.00pm**

It is vital that all the children attend the rehearsal prior to the afternoon concert. This is essential in order to sort out seating and allowing the children to sing in this vast venue. It would be a good idea to make sure that the children have a good lunch before the rehearsal at 2.00pm.

**Children should arrive in concert dress (see below)**

- Pupils should arrive promptly for **1.45pm**.
- Staff from each school will be responsible for looking after your children once they arrive at the Colston Hall.
- A bottle of water and a snack is all that is required for the gap between the rehearsal and the concert.
- On arrival, pupils will be shown to a designated area where they should wait until they receive further instruction where to go and what to do. This will also be the meeting area for parents to collect children after the concert has finished.
- Children should leave coats, hoodies etc with parents as there will be nowhere to put them.
- We would ask parents not to wait with their children once they have found the meeting place as there will be a lot going on and a lot of people around.
- Parents will not be allowed into the auditorium until the doors open at 3.30pm so will have an opportunity to pop to the shops before the concert or stay and enjoy the eateries in and around the Colston Hall. There will be pre-concert music in the foyer from 2.45pm, performed by Panache Steel from The Castle School.

### **Dress for the concert for pupils and staff**

- Black or dark trousers/skirt.
- Black or dark shoes or daps (no trainers or sandals).
- Plain (no motif or logo) round neck short sleeve single coloured T Shirt. Primary or bright colours work best. No black or white please.

Please encourage your children to look smart and tidy. Girls (if possible) with long hair should be encouraged to tie it up smartly as this prevents lots of fiddling on stage and also looks much smarter.

### **Colston Hall – Afternoon Concert 4pm**

There will be a 20 minute interval during the concert which will hopefully be finished by 6.30pm and we will dismiss the choir first to allocated areas of the building for you to collect your child.

### **DVD**

The performance will be recorded and a DVD will also be on sale. Each DVD will have a commemorative picture, include a full length performance recording and come in a plastic sleeve.

In order to gauge interest I would be grateful if you could indicate if you would be interested in purchasing a DVD. **At this stage please do not send any money!**

### **Tickets**

Tickets are priced at £10 and £8 for concessions (OAP & Children under 18) and are only available from your school. In the first instance there is a **limit of two tickets per family**. Please complete the form attached and return to your school by Wednesday 3rd February. Tickets will be released to school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

**Please note that tickets are numbered in order to track sales. Seating in the hall is unallocated. There are eleven spaces for wheelchairs. Please indicate on the tear off slip if a space is required for a wheelchair. Please use the tear off slip overleaf.**

Best wishes



Richard Jones  
Music and Arts Strategy Manager

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**CHOIR TICKETS**

Child's name: ..... Class.....

Name of Parent/Carer .....

Please supply the following tickets ..... Adults @ £10  
(max of 2 per child)

..... Concs @ £8

I enclose Cash/Cheque for £ .....

**(Please make cheque payable to St Helen's School Fund)**

Wheelchair seating required for ..... Chair(s)

If additional tickets are available I would like to purchase ..... Adults @ £10

..... Concs @ £8

**DVD INTEREST**

I am interested in purchasing a DVD and would anticipate ordering \_\_\_\_\_ DVD(s)