



Dear Parents,

Year 4 are, once again this year, taking part in the Wessex Singing Schools Festival, with other first and primary schools from the local area on **Wednesday 13th March 2024**. The festival involves a morning rehearsal during the school day and then an evening performance, which parents are invited to attend. The children will be travelling to The Thomas Hardy School with their class by **coach** in the morning. They will be leaving school at 8.55am returning to school at approximately 12.45pm, in time for lunch. They will need to take their water bottle and fruit snack to the morning rehearsal.

For the evening, the children will need to be at The Thomas Hardy School Theatre at 6pm (the doors to the performance space will not open before 6 pm, so please do not arrive too early). Please enter the school via the main entrance on Queen's Avenue. There is ample parking in the main car park at the end of Queen's Avenue or on Queen's Avenue road itself.

The performance will start at 6.30pm and will last around 1 hour.

Due to the high number of students involved, we ask that audience is restricted to roughly two adults per child performing, in order that everyone can be seated in the theatre.

Entrance to the performance is free. However, there will be a retiring collection to raise funds for Wessex Schools Music (previously known as DASP Music and now part of the Wessex Multi-Academy Trust, which supports music provision across the local area). This money will then be used to fund musical projects such as this for the Wessex MAT schools and affiliated schools, in the future.

For the evening, children will need to wear their school uniform.

The children can access the songs that they need to learn for the concert by following this link:

[Year 4 Concert 2024](#)

Please sign into schoolcomms to give permission for your child to travel to the rehearsal by coach in the morning and to confirm that they will be attending the evening performance. Please note that if your child is not able to attend the evening performance, they will still need to attend the rehearsal morning. Please also advise Mrs Hunter if they are not attending.

Many thanks

