



The Big Sing event – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – participating in this at The Sage, Gateshead Tuesday 5th July 2022

Friday 10th June 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The Big Sing is an annual event at The Sage Gateshead. Children and teachers come and take part in a concert, having had some training and workshop input from musicians to support and help them learn the music in this pack. The repertoire is aimed at Key Stage 2 and the songs that have been selected by the organisers ensure aim to engage and inspire the children whilst giving them an opportunity to perform on a large scale.

The theme this year is '**Sing for the Earth**', and through the song choices (which are focussed on conservation and social aspects) and the collaborative approach that this event has, the children will sing songs in a huge choir with the aim developing their musical and performance skills as well as their confidence, self-esteem and of course enjoyment!

We will be away for the whole morning and then go directly from The Sage, Gateshead to the Willowburn Leisure Centre for our usual PE booking. With that, the children will need to **wear their normal uniform (not PE uniform)** so that we look smart for our performance at The Sage. **Those children that are swimming in their session at the Willowburn will need to take their swimming things with them. The sports hall group of children do not need their PE kit for this day.** They all will however also need to take with them a **packed lunch and a bottle of water** as we will be having lunch at the Willowburn Leisure Centre before our usual sports session there.

Due to the Big Sing event being held quite early in the morning, this means we must depart school on the coach at 8am. As such, for this day, **please ensure that your child is at school between 7:30am – 7:45am** to enable us time to register everyone and get on the coach.

Along with this letter, there is also a consent form for taking part in the trip and permission form from Sage Gateshead for them to take photos and film the event. If you are unable to give your permission, we have been advised that the children will be moved to the end of a row so they are unable to be filmed and will be clearly identified as consent not being given. This is a closed audience event so tickets are not available to watch but we hope to share with you some of the songs at our 'Leavers and School Celebration Assembly' at the end of term.

As part of our continued commitment (school year 2021-22) to providing our children with a wide range of experiences that they did not have available to them during the recent pandemic, the cost per child (including admission costs, fees and transport) is fully covered by school and there are no costs to be incurred by yourselves.

We appreciate the tight turnaround but please return this permission slip below regarding the day and a separate consent form for Sage Gateshead and return to school by the end of Monday 13th June. We are really looking forward to sharing this special event with the children.

Mr Charlton, Mrs Thomsen and Mrs Athey.

To Whittingham C of E Primary School I do / do not give my permission for my child (name) to attend the trip on Tuesday 5th July 2022. I understand that they will travel by coach, need a packed lunch and water bottle and wear school uniform. I also understand that they need to be at school between 7:30am-7:45am on this day.

Signed name