

Upham Primary School

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Re: Year 5 Vocal Festival with Cluster Schools

Dear Year 5 Parents,

Children from Class 4, with priority initially given to Year 5, have the opportunity to be involved in a vocal festival on Thursday 13th March, with children and specialist music staff from the other cluster schools and Wyvern College, which will culminate in an evening concert for families to attend at Thornden Hall Theatre.

The children will have the chance to work with music coach Hannah Drury, in order to put together choral arrangements of songs. I believe that children will learn a great deal musically, have lots of fun in the process, and it will be a valuable opportunity to work with similar aged children from other cluster schools. This will also help them start to think about transition to secondary school. The opportunity to perform as part of a large choir in the specialist theatre at Thornden Hall, will be a fabulous experience. Upham School staff will be present throughout and in direct supervision at all times.

Children will come to school as normal on Thursday 13th March. At around 1.45pm, we will transport them to Thornden Hall (no cost to parents), depending on numbers probably by private mini-bus, to arrive around 2.15pm. The children will then work with the specialist music staff and other children as a large choir during the afternoon. They will need to bring a packed tea with them which they will eat before the concert which starts at 6.30pm. I will write and explain exact arrangements nearer the time.

The concert starts at 6.30pm and is anticipated to end at 7.30pm. Parents are invited to watch but to do so **tickets can only be purchased directly from Thornden Hall Box Office** for £7.00 each and this will go live on **3rd February**:

ONLINE AT <http://www.thorndenhall.co.uk/>

Alternatively, you can phone the box office on 02380 246555. Please ring if you require an accessibility booking, and Thornden Hall will endeavour to fulfil your request.

If you are planning to attend, I would urge you to purchase quickly as tickets will run out, in previous years this event has sold out and those who delayed did not get tickets.

If your child would like to participate, please provide your parental consent for the trip on Arbor **by Monday 27th January** so that I can confirm numbers. I will write to parents to confirm arrangements regarding tea, timings and other details in due course.

Children should wear normal school uniform on the day, though please could they bring black leggings/trousers for the performance. They will be provided with a colourful t-shirt to wear. Full details will be confirmed nearer the time.

The festival has been very successful over the last few years and I hope this will be a valuable musical learning experience for your child.

Yours sincerely,



David Woolley,
Headteacher