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Dear Parents,

As well as taking part in the Hertford & Ware Music Festival in March as usual (details to follow), we have also been very lucky to be invited to take part in the Hertford Music Service Royal Albert Hall Gala. As the name suggests, this event will be taking place at the Royal Albert hall and we will be singing with approximately 50 other schools from around Hertfordshire. This event takes place every two years and we attended for the first time in 2016. It was a truly memorable experience and not too many people can say they have performed at the Albert Hall.

Unfortunately, due to the popularity of the event, we have been strictly limited to twenty places; therefore, we will not be able to take the whole class. However, as the event takes place on a Sunday it is likely that some children will not be able to make it due to other commitments. I am hoping that we can use our entire allocation and take twenty children.

The gala is taking place on Sunday 11th March from 7.45pm - 9.00pm and it will be your responsibility to get your child to the Albert Hall at 3.30pm for group rehearsals and they will remain with us there until the end of the gala. Being an evening performance in central London, the children are likely to be up much later than usual for a Sunday night. Therefore, they can, should you choose, come into school a little later on the following Monday (details nearer the time).

We don't have the final details yet, but when we took part in this event in 2016, there was a small fee per child of £5 which covered the cost of the t-shirt they were required to wear on the day. We also needed to take a £10 deposit to secure a child's place, which was returned after they had taken part in the gala. This will be required as the school will be fined for any children who do not show up on the day, for any reason. Further details will come out once your child has been chosen to join us along with details for purchasing tickets for the event (directly through the Albert Hall website in early January).

To help us decide on who will join us on the day, I would like the children to write me a short letter explaining why they think they should be chosen to perform at the Albert Hall. This worked very well recently when we needed to choose people to visit Amwell View. Children will not be chosen on their singing ability, or their writing skills; they will be chosen on the content of their letters, so if your child feels they are not good at English or not a very good singer, this should not stop them becoming involved in the gala.



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The learning of the songs for the gala will be part of our music lessons next term and all children in the class will be practising them, regardless of whether they will be attending the gala or not. It is hoped that we will be able to host our own mini-concert in school sometime next year to show-case some of the songs from the gala as well as the music festival which will allow those children not able to join us to show off their singing skills, while hopefully raising some money to go towards our Young Shakespeare project at the end of the year. These evenings have proved very successful in previous years.

If your child is able to join us at the Albert Hall, please return the slip below, together with their letter by Monday 4th December and you will be informed shortly after this date if your child has been successful.

Malcom Foster

Class 3 Royal Albert Hall Gala

My child _____ is able to take part in the Hertford Music Services Royal Albert Hall Gala on Sunday 11th March if chosen. I understand that my child needs to be dropped off at the Albert Hall at 3.30pm and collected at 9pm.

I have enclosed my child's letter to Dr Foster explaining why they believe they should be chosen to attend the gala.

Signed: _____

Date: _____