Dear Parents,

This is just a reminder for the parents of those children who have informed us already that their child can take part in the Chelmsford and District Primary School Choir Competition. The event is fast approaching and we are busy preparing our two songs for our entry! (They are sounding great!)

Our heat will take place on Friday 9th March at 7pm – 8.45pm and the final, should we get through, will take place on Thursday 22nd March at approximately the same time as the heat.

The venue for the competition is King Edwards VI Grammar School (KEGs) on Broomfield Road, Chelmsford CM1 3SX

Please ensure that your children come wearing full school uniform, looking ready to perform!

After you have dropped your child off, you are welcome to stay to watch the competition. Adults £2.00/Children free entry (all profits will be donated to a local children’s charity)

Parking – There is no parking available at KEGs – the nearest car park is directly opposite the school, accessed via Elms Drive – the council have agreed to suspend parking charges for the evening)

See below for more information about the evening (sent directly from the organisers).

Thank you in advance for your support of this choir event.

Kind regards,

Miss Barnes

Extra information

- We can’t access the building until 6.00 pm so the earliest we can let people in is 6.30 pm.
- Each school has been allocated a number, you are Choir number 3. This determines which table you sit at in the dining hall and when your choir will sing.
- When children enter the foyer they will be shown to their allocated table in the dining hall. There will be water and biscuits available. Each choir will be allocated a chaperone to guide them to the various areas.
- Toilets are close by.
- The entrance fee for parents and accompanying adults is £2.00 each payable at the door. No charge for children. Souvenir programmes will be on sale for £1.
- We are aiming to start proceedings at about 7.00 pm
- Each choir will be able to have a 15 minute warm up session in a separate room just before they sing. They will then be led onto the stage from the back. They will sing both songs with a gap in between to allow for judges’ notes. Every child will then be given a Certificate of Merit. At this point parents will be given the opportunity to take photos (parents should remove their children at this point if they do not wish them to be photographed). No photos to be taken whilst the choir is performing. Parents are reminded that photos should not be uploaded to any social media site. The choir will then be led off the stage from the front and taken back to the dining hall area adjacent to the main hall where they can listen to the other choirs.
Once all the choirs have sung they will all be led back on to the stage where the two choirs that will be going through to the final will be announced. The Certificate of Merit referred to in the previous paragraph will of course be given to all the children taking part as we value everyone’s participation.

The chaperone and yourself will return all children to their allocated tables in the dining hall. Parents should remain seated in the main hall until the children have returned to their tables and will then be invited one school at a time to collect their children from the dining hall. This is important otherwise it could become chaotic and potentially unsafe.