

Brass Mini Band performance opportunity

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children in year 5 and 6 who are currently part of the Ellington Primary School brass Mini Band have been given the opportunity to perform at an exciting event at the **Sage, Gateshead** on **Saturday 16th November**, tying in with their 'Brass in Concert' festival. The children will have the chance to be taught by some top class brass musicians in a workshop, and then perform in the **world class Sage One hall** along with children from other schools.

To prepare for the event at the Sage, the children have also been invited to attend a workshop day in Bedlington on **Tuesday 12th November**, during school hours.

Costs have been covered by the organisers, and they have also organised coaches to transport the children to and from school for both days' events. The children will be accompanied by school staff members as well as their brass teacher Mr Burns. It would be fantastic if all of our Mini Band members could commit to attending what I am sure will be an excellent event, developing the children's confidence as well as musical skills.

The children must wear their school uniforms and bring their own packed lunch for both visits but can I please remind you not to send them with glass bottles.

Please read the information below, and return the reply slip by Friday 25th October if you wish your child to attend.

Workshop: 12/11/2019

- Children to be collected from school at 11.30 am and transported to the venue by coach.
- Venue: St Cuthbert's Church, Bedlington
- Children will be returned to school for around 3pm

Performance Day: 16/11/2019

- Children to be collected from school at 8.15am and transported to the venue by coach.
- Venue: The Sage, Gateshead
- 11.30 – 11.50am Children Perform in **Sage One hall**
- 12.00 – 2.00pm Opportunity to watch youth competitions (including lunch at 1pm)
- Children will be returned to school for around 3.45pm.

Parents are welcome to come to the Sage to watch their children perform, and will be able to enter Sage One for free as long as they are wearing an orange wristband, which we can provide (please see form below). It will be possible to collect the children from the Sage after the performance if you wish, but please notify a member of Ellington staff before taking your child home.

Yours sincerely

Mr K. Vardy
Headteacher

[Please tick as appropriate, and return by Friday 25th October]

- I give permission for my child,, to attend the workshop day in Bedlington on 12/11/2019 and the performance day at the Sage on 16/11/2019, and to be transported there and back by coach.
- I will ensure that my child is dropped off for 8.15am and collected at 3.45pm from school on 16/11/2019.
- I would like to request wristbands to enable family members to watch the Sage One performance. (Please insert number of wristbands required).
- I would like to collect my child from The Sage after their performance.