



SOMERS PARK SCHOOL

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2nd February 2018

'Lest We Forget' concert, Genting Arena Birmingham
Saturday, 3rd November 2018



Dear parents/carers,

On **Saturday 3rd November 2018**, I am planning to take a choir from Somers Park to sing in the 'Lest We Forget' concert at the Genting Arena Birmingham.

Up to 3000 children will be taking part in 'Lest We Forget', the National Children's Remembrance Concert commemorating the centennial ending of the First World War.

They will be performing before an audience of 9000 in the Genting Arena at the NEC in Birmingham. It will be a unique children's concert and the biggest Remembrance event of its kind. The entire concert will be performed by children under the age of 18. The centre piece will be a choir of around 2500 children drawn from various regions across the UK and dressed to represent a Remembrance poppy. The programme will also include a very large symphony orchestra formed by combining the youth orchestras of Birmingham and Ealing. There will be smaller choirs and groups of singers, a brass band, a twenty-strong acoustic guitar ensemble, dramatic performances, and a parade of flags representing the national participants involved in the war. Giant screens will be used to project the ongoing performances and images from the war. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to perform at very memorable event.

The day will be a long one with rehearsals running from 10am through to the evening concert. Tickets will be available for parents/carers. Free transport for children will be supplied by the organisers.

Please note this is the last Saturday of the half term break. Term starts Monday 5th November.

Please indicate below whether your child is available on this day to perform. I know it seems a long way off but I need to confirm numbers and form a choir for this event. Numbers are restricted and children **will be** expected to rehearse during the autumn term, leading up to the concert, in an after school club. **Please return slips before Friday 16th February.**

I will let you know more details when I have finalised the choir.

Yours sincerely,

Anita Marsh (Music co-ordinator)

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Child's name Class

I would like my child to perform at the concert at Genting Arena on 3rd November. I understand that if chosen to perform, my child will be required to attend rehearsal sessions after school during the Autumn term.

Signed Date

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