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Dear Parents / Carers,

The Key Stage 2 pupils in Choir on have been invited to represent St Catherine's Catholic Primary School at the Deanery Advent Service at Arundel Cathedral as well as to sing to the residents of Hale Lodge.

Deanery Advent Service at Arundel Cathedral – Free Event
Rehearsal at St Oscar Romero on Thursday 19 November, travelling by train. Pupils to meet Mrs Hart at Littlehampton station at 8.45am. Bring a packed lunch.
Tuesday 1 December at 6pm - pupils to arrive at 5.30pm.

Choir Visit to Residents of Hale Lodge to Sing Christmas Carols
Tuesday 15 December during the school day.

The Deanery event requires pupils from the choir to be at the venue earlier than the start time and also to attend rehearsals. **Pupils should wear full school uniform to all events**. Please see below for more details.

Deanery Advent Service at Arundel Cathedral – Free Event

Our choir has been selected to form part of a larger choir leading the singing at our Deanery Advent Service this year. We will be learning a selection of Advent songs which will feature in the service at Arundel Cathedral, London Road, Arundel, BN18 9AY, on the evening of Tuesday 1 December.

Pupils should arrive at Arundel Cathedral wearing full school uniform by 5.30pm on Wednesday 1 December and parents are encouraged to join us for this service which will last approximately one hour. The Advent Service is a lovely family event so I hope you will come along and enjoy it. In previous years the Cathedral has been incredibly full so do arrive early to get a seat.

Your child will also be attending a rehearsal at St Oscar Romero Catholic School on Thursday 19 November, travelling by train. Please arrange to drop your child off at Littlehampton Train Station at 8.45am, where Mrs Hart will be there to meet the Choir. The cost of the train ticket is £3.26 and we are requesting a £3 contribution from each child to help cover the cost. Please also bring a packed lunch, as we may not make it back in time for lunch.

Choir Visit to Residents of Hale Lodge to Sing Christmas Carols

On **Tuesday 15 December** our Choir will be visiting and singing carols to the residents of Hale Lodge in Littlehampton. The visit will be during the afternoon, immediately after lunch, and we will be back at school for normal home time at 3.15pm. If any parents or carers are able to accompany the choir to Hale Lodge please let the office know.

Please indicate below if your child will be taking part in any of these Christmas Events.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hart
Class Teacher

PERMISSION FOR ST CATHERINE'S CHOIR
CHRISTMAS CAROL PERFORMANCES

Child's Name …… Class ……

I give permission for my child to take part in the following Christmas performances and rehearsals (Please tick for each event).

Deanery Advent Service at Arundel Cathedral ○ YES ○ NO

- I give permission for my child to attend the rehearsal at St Oscar Romero on Thursday 19 November, travelling by train with a member of staff.
- I will arrange for my child to meet Mrs Hart at Littlehampton Train Station at 8.45am on Thursday 19 November and provide them with a packed lunch.
- I will make a payment of £3 to help cover the cost of the train fare.
- I understand that I will need to transport my child to and from Arundel Cathedral on Tuesday 1 December and they should wear their school uniform for the performance.

Choir Visit to Sing Christmas Carols to Residents of Hale Lodge ○ YES ○ NO

- I give permission for my child to visit Hale Lodge on Tuesday 15 December.
- I am available to accompany the choir to Hale Lodge. ○ YES ○ NO Name ……

Parent/Carer Signature …… Date ……