



14th October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Network Choir (Year 4)

Your child has expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Manchester Schools Network Choir. This is a choir made up from a network of schools and is led by the wonderful Jules Gibb, an experienced and talented musician. We are going to be working on a performance written especially for us by Jules with the theme of 'Climate Change'.

There will be an initial afternoon workshop to introduce the project on **Friday 29th November** at Manchester Museum. Children will be exploring the disappearance of habitats, the role of coal mining and we are hoping to have a visit from Rachel Lock from the Sustainable Consumption Institute at MMU, who organised 900 children to put microphones to politicians at the EU summit on climate change!

We will be working very closely with the People's History Museum, Manchester Museum, Whitworth Art Gallery and John Rylands Library. The rehearsals will take place at each of these locations on a Friday afternoon during the PPA carousel (art, music, sport), so children will not miss academic lessons.

Each Friday we will leave school at 12.15pm, so your child will have to have a slightly early lunch. The rehearsals will culminate in a performance on **Friday 27th March** at all of the above venues, followed by a climate change march down Deansgate; you are more than welcome to join us and wave your banner! We will also be performing at all of the other schools involved on **Friday 3rd April**.

The rehearsals will take place on the following dates:

- Friday 29th November
- Friday 10th January
- Friday 17th January
- Friday 24th January
- Friday 31st January
- Friday 7th February
- Friday 14th February
- Friday 28th February
- Friday 6th March
- Friday 13th March
- Friday 20th March



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- Friday 27th March - Performance day - 10.15am - John Rylands
11.45am - Manchester Museum
1.45pm - The Whitworth
- Friday 3rd April- Tour of schools- all day

Although Network Choir is free to take part in, we do need to pay for transport to and from each rehearsal and performance, so a contribution of **£25.00** to help cover costs would be appreciated. If we do not receive sufficient funds, the visits may have to be cancelled. You can give permission and pay online via Parent Pay. If you would prefer to pay with cash, please come to the office to collect a barcode, which you'll be able to take to your local PayPoint to pay with cash. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, you are entitled to the cost being funded by school, however you will still need to give consent on Parent Pay.

Please note that the deadline for payments and/or consent is **Wednesday 13th November**.

Kind regards,

Midge Murray
Music & Performance Lead



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