



3rd February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Choirantime Youth for Years 3-6

All children in Years 3-6 at St John Rigby Catholic Primary School have been invited to take part in an exciting and innovative project from Music for Bedford Borough. As I am sure you are aware current restrictions are sadly preventing us from singing together in large groups. The idea behind **Choirantime Youth** is to give the children in Bedfordshire Primary Schools an opportunity to sing regularly, have fun and try something new.

Parents and their children will access the on-line choir from home and we will send you the on-line link so that you can sign your child into the group. **Parental support is essential in logging your child in and providing a suitable environment and support for your child each week.**

The main details are as follows:

- 5 x 45-minute weekly ZOOM sessions
- First session TUESDAY 23rd February then weekly to the last session on TUESDAY 23rd March
- 5.00pm - 5.45pm (log on just before to check connectivity)
- We will send you the ZOOM link and details of how to participate before the session
- We strongly recommend that parents stay in the ZOOM call so that you can receive the guidance and resources needed for the audio recordings from the conductor/ leader Tim
- A member of Music for Bedford Borough will also be in attendance on the ZOOM
- All adults involved have necessary SAFEGUARDING and GDPR approval

Music for Bedford Borough is subsidising the cost of the project and our school will pay a contribution; therefore, it is free for your child to sign up.

Sessions will be led by Tim Burns, a brilliant and experienced local musician. Tim co-leads the Bedfordshire Youth Choir with Naomi Jones. He is an experienced choral director who has been running online vocal sessions since lockdowns began. His adult version of Choirantime regularly draws over 100 participants from countries across the world. For more information, please do visit his website <https://www.choirantime.co.uk/> and read his reviews <https://www.choirantime.co.uk/testimonials>

Because of latency in video conferencing, all participants will be muted. There will also be an option to have the video turned off if your child does not wish to be seen on screen. As the sessions progress there will be opportunities for the children to make audio recordings using the 'guide tracks' from Tim. This will enable him to mix different parts to give students and parents a chance to hear the end result with all participants singing together. Here is an example of his recent work with Members of Bedfordshire Youth Choir who were taking part in the on-line County Carol Service. https://youtu.be/Fw0MnlVs_Kw (their performance starts at 21:12)

We do hope you and your child would like to be involved.

Please register by using the link below before Friday 19th February 2021:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JnHo6xNcT0awhidhpTSr_IRfh1z48HREh-Hpbk2VM6JUQIRWTDIOQUZaTVZYN0hQTVlaNjdJMkxKRC4u

Kind Regards

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