

20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear parents and guardians

**The Maples and The Monkey Puzzles trip to the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra**

The Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra will be performing concerts for children as part of their concert tour when they visit Exeter University in January 2024, where the Great Hall is turned into a symphony hall. Many children will never have had the chance to experience the excitement of hearing a live symphony orchestra and we are delighted to be able to offer Year 3 and Year 6 this opportunity on **Thursday 18th January 2024**.

Children will leave school at 12.45pm by coach and return at around 4.10pm. Each child will need to carry a small backpack with a bottle of water and a healthy snack. Children should wear school uniform and bring a coat with them.

The concert performance will take place between 1.30pm-3.00pm. We will be returning on the coach at 3.15pm and will therefore aim to be back at school for a **later than usual collection time of 4.10pm**.

We would ask you to complete the online consent form in the usual way:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ptuw2174P9>

Tickets for the performance are free of charge, however we will need to pay for our transport. The PTFA have kindly given each class some funds to be used towards the cost of the coach, however we are asking for parent contributions of **£5.30** per child to make the trip possible. Please login to your child's MCAS account after 6pm today to make a payment.

Please complete forms no later than Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. A decision will be taken in early January to assess the viability of the trip. If insufficient contributions have been received, we may need to cancel the trip, at which point any payments made will be refunded.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Guntrip and Miss Grimes



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