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Dear Choir Leaders,

### ***Sutton Sings Festival 2025: KS1 'Song Journey'***

Many thanks for attending our CPD session last night. I hope you found it useful and that you and your KS1 choirs are excited about taking part in our *Sutton Sings Festival*!

#### **Theme**

Our over-arching theme for the festival is 'Song Journey'. For KS1, this will include songs about travel, transport – anything related to going on a journey!

#### **Resources**

Using the link below, you will be able to access a Sharepoint folder which contains all of the resources for the project. Please feel free to photocopy the lyric sheet for your choir to take home and practice the songs. I have also included the PowerPoint from the CPD session last night, as well as some more detailed notes to help you teach the massed songs to your singers. **Please make sure that you read through these notes, especially if you were unable to attend the CPD session!** I do hope that you find these resources useful – please let me know if you have any trouble accessing the folder.

[KS1 Sutton Sings Festival Resources 2025](#)

In addition to this, you will receive an e-mail from Sing Up with a log in to access the full resources for 'In my backpack', 'Unst boat song' and 'I'm still singing'. You will have access to Sing Up for 12 weeks; please ensure you download all of the resources in good time.

#### **Satellite Vocal workshops**

As explained at the CPD session, all choirs will have the opportunity to attend a 1.5 hour satellite vocal workshop, hosted at a local primary school at the end of

April/May. I have grouped the participating schools geographically and contacted the host schools to make arrangements. As soon as this process is complete, I will be in touch to confirm the date, time and location of your workshop. Whilst I appreciate this will involve some logistics and travel to another school, I hope that you will agree that bringing the children together to sing before the concert will be hugely beneficial and result in a much more confident performance on the day!

The aim of the vocal workshop is to bring the choirs together and work on the massed choir songs in detail. There will not be time to be teaching the songs during this session so please make sure that your choir come prepared, ready to refine the songs, experiment with the harmony parts and have fun!

### Song choices

We would like your choir to prepare two individual items (max. 5 minutes in total), related to our theme 'Song Journey', to perform in the concert. In order to avoid repetition of pieces within the same concert, please email me your song choices and sheet music/backing tracks by **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. There will be a house band (piano, drums, bass) available to accompany your choir on the day but you are welcome to bring your own accompanist if you would prefer; please let me know. If you are struggling to source the sheet music for a particular song, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to help.

### Concert allocations

Please see your school's allocation below:

<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June AM Concert</b>	<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June PM Concert</b>
Cheam Park Farm Primary	Tweeddale Primary School
Manor Park Primary	Hackbridge Primary School
Seaton House	Victor Seymour Infants School
Shawley Community Primary	West Ashted Primary School

  

<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June AM Concert</b>	<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June PM Concert</b>
Cheam Common Infants	Abbey Primary School
Cheam Fields Primary Academy	All Saints Benilton
Stanley Park Infants	Brookfield Primary Academy
Wood Field Primary School	St. Elphege's Infants



With regards to the schedule for the day, I will be in contact in due course to confirm arrangements. Once again, many thanks for taking part in our *Sutton Sings Festival*. We look forward to working with you and your choirs on what promises to be a really exciting event!

Best Wishes,

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