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Dear parent/carer,

We are delighted to announce that we have now finalised all the details for our first ever RobinFest Community Arts Festival – a celebration of music, dance and the visual arts – which will take place on **Friday 15th July 2022** between 2pm and 7pm.

Over the coming weeks, we will be working in mixed year groups and with local community groups and nurseries to create art work to transform our school field into a festival site. On this day, the children can come in festival outfits for the day.

The children also have a template for them to design a RobinFest badge. This is a competition and the winner will only be announced at the event when the chosen badge will be revealed and shared with our visitors.



Who will be performing?

Through a number of contacts, we have been able to secure a variety of singers, choirs, dance groups, bands and orchestras who are able to perform for us free of charge on the night. We have rented an outdoor stage with a super sound system just for the occasion. We are so excited!

At 2pm, the school field will become our festival field so come along with your camping chairs, picnic blankets and folding tables and settle in for the spectacular that is RobinFest.

The event will begin with each class performing a song from a famous musical (old and new) to our audience of friends and families. For the first time in a while, the whole school will sing together so please bring your tissues.

Competition time



We would also like to invite people to enter into our Photography Competition. We have chosen the theme 'My Community' and ask that those who wish to take part in the competition send us their photographs for display at the event by Thursday 14th July. We have decided that there will be three categories:

- Key Stage One
- Key Stage Two
- Over 12 years

All photographs will be displayed on the day for everyone to see and a winner will be announced in each category.

Will food and drink be available?

In the food court, the PTA have organised a number of food vans which will provide refreshments throughout the event and Bar in a Box (a licenced bar) will be on site to provide a range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. We will also have a selection of refreshments and sweets available for the children to purchase throughout the evening.

Will the site be secure?

As this is our first RobinFest, we have decided to only open the event up to the families of Newchurch and their extended family. We have invited our neighbours as VIP guests as they support us each and every day with our parking before and after school. All attendees will be required to purchase a ticket and their hand will be stamped. As the Designated Safeguarding Lead, I will be welcoming people on site to ensure that only Newchurch families attend. In addition, we have staff who are First Aid trained who will be on site should the need arise. A full risk assessment is available for reference on the school website under the 'RobinFest' tab.

Where should we park?

It is hoped that many of you will be walk to the event but should you need to drive, please could we ask that you use the local streets with respect to our neighbours. We will be contacting Thai Paragon and Sainsburys to see if we are able to make use of their carparks also.

We recognise that we have some families who live quite a distance from the school and would not be able to walk. If this is the case for you and you would like to attend or if you are a disabled blue badge holder, then a parking space on the school carpark will be reserved for you. Please pop into school and collect a parking permit for the event.

How do I get tickets?

As this is about a celebration of the Arts and the bringing together of our school community, we have made the cost of the event only £5 per family (2 adults and 3 children). Additional tickets can be purchased on the gates for additional children and adults at a cost of £2.50. Children under school age may enter free of charge. Tickets can be purchased via ParentPay and then collected from the school office the day before the event. We will let you know when they can be collected.



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Does the school need any help?

The staff and PTA have worked very hard to bring this event together and so we would welcome any support you can offer. Support is needed for the following:

- Setting up of the field and playground
- Face painting
- Litter picking
- Emptying of bins
- PTA games for the children
- Tidying away after the event

On Friday 1st July, we will have some easels on the entrance into school so if you are able to sign up to a half hour slot helping out, that would be amazing.

We very much hope that you will join us at the event and also join us in our prayers for sunshine!

Kind regards,

Mrs Jayne Narraway

Headteacher



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