

Monday 15th January

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The exciting opportunity has arisen for your child to take part in the Wirral-wide Music, Speech and Drama Festival on Friday March 9th (after school) and Saturday March 10th (during the day) at Birkenhead High School Academy. Many children from Ladymount attend each year, and we even have some 'Year 6 Veterans' who have been entering since Year 1!

The Festival is an opportunity for your child to enter either a competition, or 'just-for-fun' class where they will be able to perform a set poem for a panel of distinguished judges. Each age category has a choice of 2 poems so I would recommend letting your child choose which one they feel they could present the best. This is a great opportunity for your child to gain confidence and have a new experience! However, it is important to talk to your child about entering beforehand, just to ensure they feel comfortable about what they have to do!

Parents of children wishing to enter this year must do so DIRECTLY (give your own address for contact details) by printing off the entry form from the following website (ONLINE ENTRY NOT AVAILABLE THIS YEAR)

<http://wirralfestival.co.uk/> (speech and drama section)

The class numbers are 1-6 depending on year group.

The poem titles are available on the above website, but I am unable to publish the words due to copyright law (even though most of them can be found by searching online). Once entered, please fill out the slip below and return into school. I will then give you a copy of the poems to choose from.

One coaching session will be available for children (date/time tbc). Parents will be welcome and encouraged to attend the session in order to support your child. After that, all preparation, coaching and correspondence will be the responsibility of parents/guardians. Parents are also responsible for taking their child to the Festival and supervising them on the day.

The deadline for entries to be received is strictly: 31st January 2018. So make sure they are posted in good time. The specific day for your child's class will be confirmed at a later date once the committee has received all entries.

Many thanks for your support.

Regards

Mrs T Swindlehurst

Name of Child _____ Year Group _____

I have entered my child in the Wirral Speech and Drama Festival before the 31st January deadline, and have paid the entry fee.

I will transport my child to/from the Festival and will supervise them at all times on the day.

Signed _____ Date _____