



November 2017

Hello everyone,

Concert Band and Orchestra Events

This festive season will soon be upon us!

As with last year, we will be taking the **Concert Band** to help support the Richmond Christmas Lights Switch On. This is in the Market Place under the clock on **Friday 1 December 2017**. Timings and further details will be sent out soon. Please wrap up warm as it tends to be a bit nippy!

We have been offered the opportunity to perform music and bag pack at Tesco Catterick on **Sunday 17th December 11am – 4pm** and would like our **Concert Band, Orchestra** and any parent helpers to come along and offer some of their time if possible. I completely appreciate that this is a very busy time of the year for everyone, however the possibility of fundraising on the last Sunday before Christmas is very lucrative and I decided to go for it! I'll send out more info nearer the time but if you are able to take part for some or all of the time, please pop it in your diary and tick the availability and consent email that will be sent to you.

Depending on availability, I would also like to take some of our **Concert Band** with our KS3 Wind Band to Queen's Court to perform for the residents. This is not yet confirmed however a potential date would be **19 December** late afternoon. I'll ask for volunteers then let you know.

Our **Orchestra** and **Concert Band** will be leading the music for Richmond School's Christmas Service on **Thursday 21st December** at St Mary's Church. I will confirm the exact time in the near future. Dress will be school uniform. We will be having a rehearsal at the church in the afternoon. Your child will be walked down to the church by school staff and fully supervised prior to our return for the end of school. Please do come along to support your child as we head towards Christmas.

Since I have been at Richmond our **Orchestra** hasn't yet had the opportunity to perform at the Aiming High Assemblies on the last day of term – I would like the orchestra to perform this year on the last day of term **22nd December**. Students should still be in uniform and they will perform throughout the day for each year group. It is a lovely way to finish the term and the students generally enjoy the day!

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch. sboyd@richmondschool.net

Thank you also to everyone who has decided to join us on our music tour to Germany 2018! We will be having a parent and student meeting in the New Year to tell you about the exciting concerts we have planned and all the visits we will be making in the beautiful Rhine Valley.

In the meantime we are starting our fundraising to help with the costs of taking so many instruments and support the cost of Tour T-Shirts etc.

A consent email will follow this for each of the above events. Please consent or decline for each event to assist us with planning.

Looking forward to a very busy Christmas season.

Best wishes

Stephen Boyd

Some of the other events our ensembles are taking part in this Christmas time.

1st December Richmond Christmas Lights Switch On at the Market Place

6th December Richmond Mayor's Carol Service at St Mary's Church

13th 14th & 15th December Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

17th December Tesco Bag Packing and Performing

19th December Wind Band at Queens Court Residential tbc

21st December Richmond School Christmas Service at St Mary's Church

22nd December Aiming High Assemblies