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To Heads of Music, Music Co-ordinators, Herefordshire Schools

Singing Strategy Phase 5, Sing Spring In 2017 - Free of charge to Partner schools!

As you might know, The Music Pool is 'Principal Partner' in the Herefordshire Music Education Hub (run by Herefordshire Music Service/Encore Enterprises). We are delighted that Encore has commissioned The Music Pool to provide yet another FREE Singing Strategy project for Herefordshire Schools, to take place in Spring Term 2017. This commission is the fifth phase of the HMEH Singing Strategy.

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The previous projects have been hugely successful, with thousands of pupils aged 5-18 participating in cluster events around the county. This year, the aim is to provide pupils with the opportunity to enjoy and improve their singing and join in with others in large groups.

Are you interested in finding out more?

All schools who want to join in will be provided with a teachers' pack of songs, with backing tracks and words for everyone to learn and perform at their cluster performance wherever it is possible. Support to learn these songs will be available, with in-school sessions led by our great team of singing leaders, and teachers and pupils will also have access to a secure website including all the material. All we ask is that each school chooses a piece of music of their own to perform as well, which could be from your end of term show, your classroom work or any other music that you would love to share. Packs will be sent out as soon as we have your response.

What we need right now is a commitment to join the project. If you would love your school to join in the singing, but find it impossible to fit in one of the dates of the performances, perhaps you could share your performance with another school locally or even include it within your own school-based performance/assembly. It's so important to discover the fun and value of singing together, that we want to include everyone!

The cluster performance commitment brings key stages together for tailor-made sessions.

Reception and Key Stage 1

Come to your chosen event and take part in a **morning of singing activities (9:15 – 12:00), with a sharing at 11:20 am for friends and families!**

- **Chamniamo gogo** (a Kenyan action song)
- **Calyпсо** (a fun song, singable on its own and also as a three-part round)
- **Nursery Rhyme Picture Book** (a song with links to literacy)
- **Belle Mama** (a simple and beautiful song that is probably Polynesian and works as a four-part round)
Dates and venues on back sheet.

Key Stage 2

Join us at one of the locations for **half a day of part-singing and rhythm activities (9:00 – 12:00), shared with friends and families at 11:20 am.**

- **Fiesta Salveje!** (an exciting song, including some Spanish vocabulary)
- **Musicals medley** (some 2-part singing in one of four songs)
- **Revolting children** (2-part version of this song from Matilda)
- **The Little Spanish Town** (a unison Peter Jenkyns song with optional second part)

Dates and venues on back sheet.



Key Stages 3 and 4

Join together at one of the two fantastic **ensemble singing afternoons (approx. 1:00 – 4:00), shared with family and friends at 3:30 pm.** Take this opportunity to sing harmonies in a large group. If you want your pupils to experience part singing with greater confidence, they would benefit from singing alongside others in this workshop. If they already part-sing confidently, then they can sing in a larger group as well as meeting new friends. Think how this would support potential and existing GCSE and BTEC Music students!

- **Singabahambayo Thina** (a traditional South African worship song in up to three parts, sung a capella, with optional descant)
 - **Three native American chants** (three separate simple chants that fit together, sung a capella)
 - **California Dreaming** (3 part arrangement of the song made famous in the 1960s)
 - **Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*** (3 part arrangement of the song from the musical, Mary Poppins)
- *Opportunities for solos**

Dates and venues on back sheet.

All music (lyrics, scores and mp3s) for all events will be sent electronically and will be on a secure website.

We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible to book your pupils into one or more of these fabulous opportunities. Remember, these are all FREE sessions and FREE cluster events if you are signed up with Herefordshire Music Service as a Partner school.

Please find entry form and details below.

Yours sincerely,

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Sing Spring In 2017

School: Contact Name:
Email address for contact and music pack:

- We would like to take part in the Sing Spring In 2017 project and we would like to join in the following cluster event/s: (Underline and give approx. nos attending)
- We would like to take part independently or with the following schools. Yes/No
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Date and venue for our independent event
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- We would like to book an optional singing leader visit for (please circle only if you require a visit)
Key Stage 1 Key Stage 2 Key Stage 3/4

Key Stage 1 singing mornings / cluster events (9.15-12.00 on the dates below)

Wednesday 22 nd March	Broadlands Primary School, Hereford
Wednesday 29 th March	Salvation Army Citadel, Hereford
Friday 31 st March	Salvation Army Citadel, Hereford
Date tbc	Ashfield Park Primary School, Ross on Wye

Key Stage 2 cluster events (approx. 9.00-12.00 on the dates below)

Monday 20 th March	The Hereford Academy, Hereford
Monday 27 th March	Whitecross High School, Hereford
Tuesday 28 th March	Broadlands Primary School
Wednesday 5 th April	Larruperz Centre, Ross on Wye
Date tbc	Hampton Dene Primary School
Date and venue tbc	North Herefordshire

Key Stage 3/4 cluster events (approx. 1.00-4.00pm on the dates below)

Monday 20 th March	The Hereford Academy, Hereford
Monday 27 th March	Whitecross High School, Hereford

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