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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to inform you that Year 5 will be participating in Merton Music Foundations (MMF) forthcoming massed choir project which will take place in the **Royal Albert Hall on Monday 8th May 2017 at 7pm**. This is an amazing 'once in a lifetime experience' and we are extremely excited to have been given the opportunity to take part.

This year the project is entitled 'Speak Up, Speak Out' (SUSO) and has been specially commissioned by MMF and the Polka Theatre to develop the children's confidence and their skills of Literacy, Music and performance.

The project will incorporate a variety of workshops and rehearsals which will begin in November 2016 and run throughout the year until the performance in May. The workshops and rehearsals will take place in school time, either at Hillcross or at other local schools participating in the project. Our starter workshop took place this week and will be followed up with a cluster group rehearsal at Poplar Primary School on November 1st 2016.

Although, the majority of rehearsals will take place during school time, one rehearsal necessary to enable all participating schools to rehearse together before the event, will take place on **Sunday 7th May 2017 at Harris Academy Morden** (time to be confirmed). Information about this rehearsal will be sent out nearer the time. We encourage all parents to put this date in the diary so that the children can attend.

We are looking forward to rehearsing for, and participating in this amazing project where Literacy, music and performance skills will be developed.

Don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions or queries about the event.

Yours Sincerely

Cath Reidy

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(Creative Arts Leader)

