



November 2022

Dear Parents,

Next week we join in with the national *Children in Need* appeal, ([Children in Need 2022 Poster \(2\).png \(2 MB\)](#)) culminating in the **Promenade Concert** on Friday morning (18 November). The event raises money for children and young people in need all over the UK.

There are lots of exciting plans for the week both from within the school and the PPA. There will be assemblies to raise awareness (one taken by the boys), activities in tutor times, and the boys will get a chance to 'dress' the school (the yellow ears of the *Children in Need* mascot Pudsey will again go up over the Entrance and the back gate!).

On Friday, boys across the school are asked to wear mufti; a £2 charge will be added to all boys' bill. This year we are encouraging boys to wear bobble hats as well; whilst not compulsory we thought it would be a nice 'theme'. In the Pre-Prep we are encouraging boys to wear PJs/dressing gowns.

The Autumn **Promenade Concert** will take place from 1000 to 1200, all around Pilgrims'. For those who have not been before, this is an unusual, but always highly popular event. It is a "promenade" concert because the audience is free to move between performers whilst the performers remain fixed. There are simultaneous performances in different parts of the school site by Junior and Senior boys. The audience may come for as long or short as they would like!

Free refreshments will be available in the Quad throughout the event. The concert of course coincides with awareness and fund-raising week for *Children-in-Need* and we will be collecting money; there will be many boy buskers, who will enjoy hearing the clattering of coins into buckets or instrument cases **so please bring lots of change**, rather than/in addition to notes!

The main outline of the day is below. The audience (any parent or guardian) may arrive at any point between 1000 and 1200. A site map, available on arrival, will indicate what is happening, and where:

- 1000 JCC in the Octagon, Senior instrumentalists\* in different rooms, and outdoors
- 1100 Orchestra in the Pilgrims' Hall, Big Band in the Octagon, Junior instrumentalists\* in different rooms and outdoors

*\*We shall be writing to advise parents of individual instrumentalists under separate cover.*

Each item will be repeated during their playing slots, and so the audience can attend in whichever order they wish.

Seating in the Pilgrims' Hall to hear the Orchestra play is limited: this year's orchestra is very large.

**If you** would like to hear the Orchestra, ***please collect a ticket for a given time slot*** on arrival in the Yard.

**Access to the school will be via the Yard gate only.** Tickets and site maps will be available there.

*After the event, pick-up for the Exeat is 1200 for Pre-Prep, Day Boys and for Boarders it is at 1245.*



This event is always a delightfully madcap way to bring in the Exeat, and we very much hope to see you there!

Best wishes,

Alistair Duncan  
Interim Head

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Director of Music