



PERFORM 150

THE LAUNCH OF OUR 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

As you will now know, this year is the school's 150th Anniversary and to celebrate we have arranged a number of events and activities which we are calling Perform 150. Many of these are intended to involve all our students and you, their families and we really want as many people as possible to get involved. Our aim is not only to celebrate but also to raise funds that together with larger outside donations will contribute towards the building of a new 150 seat auditorium and exhibition space. This will enhance the excellent facilities the school currently has and it will be used as a teaching and performance space for the students and the local community.

Our first anniversary event is The Talents (see below). The students have already been informed about this and are very excited. All the details are included within this special Perform 150 newsletter.

Autumn Term

The Talents – launched early October through to April 2012 with an **ipad 2** as the winner's prize

The St Clement Danes 150th Teddy – launched early November through to September 2012

150th Greetings Card and individual photos for sale – early November

150th Craft Fair and Prize Draw Raffle (1st prize ipad 2) - Sunday 27th November in The Barbirolli Hall

Spring Term

150th Buy-a-Brick – launched late January

The Armed Man Concert – March 17th at St Clement Danes Church, London

The St Clement Danes' Rose – launched early Spring

Summer Term

Summer Sponsored Events including 15k Family Fun Walk – June 2012

The Anchor 150th Garden Party – June 2012

DaneFest – a musical extravaganza to be held on the field.

Hopefully with some big names!

St Clement Danes Greatest Hits DVD!

Other Events

In addition to the above school-based events, we will also be organising others that will bring together ex-students from Chorleywood (1976 to 2011) and Old Danes.

These include School Reunion Gala Receptions and a Service of Remembrance at St Georges, Anglican Chapel in Ypres, Belgium for Old Danes who fell in both World Wars.

And finally, our Commemoration Service in 2012 will be led by the Bishop of London, the Right Revd. Richard Chartres.

We really hope you can get involved.

Check the back page of future Homelinks for updates

PERFORM 150 – CELEBRATE AND BUILD THE FUTURE!

Dear Parent,

St Clement Danes' 150th Anniversary Celebrations and Fundraising Appeal – Perform 150

As you are no doubt aware, this next academic year sees the launch of both our 150th Anniversary celebrations and the start of our fundraising campaign – Perform 150.

The aim of this campaign is to secure enough funding through a combination of school-based activities and larger donations from corporations, trusts and charitable sources, to enable us to build a 150-seater auditorium and exhibition space. This will provide the school with an overdue and much needed purpose-built facility. It will also complement the excellent facilities that the school already enjoys and from which our students benefit considerably. The venue will also be the legacy building that marks our 150th year of existence as a school. As I am sure you will appreciate, such a development is a significant cost and we can only achieve this through the whole school community past and present, students, staff and families committing themselves to the future needs of St Clement Danes School; a commitment similar to that which others made in the past to ensure the provision of facilities today.

We have a whole range of celebrations and school-based fundraising events that we hope that you will get involved in during the year which can be seen on the front cover. However, the purpose of this letter is to inform you of our first activity which we have already presented to the students.

The Talents

As I have mentioned, we would like to see every student from Year 7 to 13 involved in our Perform 150 Appeal. The Talents, I believe is a way that can involve all our students and at the same time help them to learn about fundraising. I also believe that this has the potential to be more valuable than simply giving over a sum of money.

The Talents involves giving every student a sum of money to see how he or she can, by using his or her talents, increase the value of this over a period of time. On this occasion, I am able to give £10 to each student and ask them to use their skills and ideas over the next six months to increase this. At the start of the Summer Term 2012, I will ask for the £10 back (to repay The Governors who are lending us the money for the project) together with any money each student has raised by their own or collective efforts. The money raised will contribute towards the costs of building the new auditorium and exhibition space.

Students will be encouraged to think about ways in which they can use their loan to make money. A few ideas include setting up a car wash company on the road where they live, advertising their services for dog walking, cake baking or nail painting. There are many more examples in which students can work individually, as a family or as a group of friends to increase the value of their original loan. Opportunities will exist in school for them to discuss their ideas and get advice and guidance. I am running this aspect of Perform 150 Appeal with the help of Mr Hampson, Assistant Headteacher and other staff. It has the backing of the Governors and the Academy Trust.

In both St Luke's and St Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the Parable of the Talents whereby three servants are given money (talents) according to their ability. One receives five, a second two and the third, one. In the case of our students, everyone can take the £10 offered and use their talents to reap the benefits for St Clement Danes.

Formalities

Before the Finance Office can distribute the money prior to October half term, I need to obtain your permission for your son(s) and or daughter(s) to join in this campaign. We also need to have confirmation from you that the £10 loan, offered to each student will be returned.

If students wish to hand in their profit at the end of the six month period, we are happy with that but we will be encouraging them to hand in the money raised at various intervals. Interim prizes will be awarded following these intervals for the student and house which raises the most money. The timeframe for the distribution of the £10 and the intervals for the collection of money raised will be as follows;

- Distribution of £10 loan in the week commencing October 17th
- 1st Return of money raised - Monday December 12th
- 2nd Return of money raised – Monday February 6th
- 3rd Return of money raised – Monday March 12th
- Final return of money raised – Monday April 23rd – St George's Day

I really do hope that there will be wide support for this scheme from all members of the school community as well as parents, relatives and friends of the family, both at home and abroad! I am confident that this will also provide the students with a valuable learning experience and knowing our students, I would not be surprised to see great competition, keen entrepreneurial skills and some original ideas coming to the fore in the next few weeks and months.

As we envisage the auditorium and exhibition space to be available for our local community as well as our students, we would hope you can help us to publicise this campaign and its objective. We will also endeavour to keep the community informed of the progress towards our goal.

If you feel you are able to support this fund raising project and can guarantee the return of the £10 loaned to your son(s) and/or daughter(s), I would be grateful if you would, print out and complete the attached form and return it to Student Reception in an envelope marked **PERFORM 150 –TALENTS**.

The deadlines for returns are;

- **next Wednesday, October 5th for Years 7, 8 & 9;**
- **next Thursday, October 6th for Years 10 & 11 and**
- **next Friday, October 7th for the Sixth Form.**

If you have more than one child at school and they are in different year groups, please return the slip by the deadline set for the youngest child, (e.g. students in Years 8, 11 & 13, please return the slip on Weds, October 5th).

Each year group will have a specific day identified during the week of the 17th October on which they are to collect their money in a special anniversary envelope. They will also sign to show that they have received it and a Parent Mail alert will go out on the same day informing parents that a particular year group has received the money. We hope to have distributed all money by Friday October 21st.

We are requesting that all parents complete the attached form, even if you do not want your child or children to participate. This will avoid us having to contact you again in connection with The Talents-Perform 150!

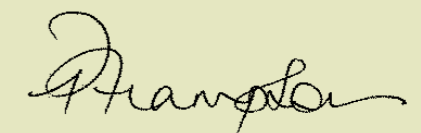
If you have any questions about this part of our Perform 150 Fundraising Appeal, please email you query to perform150@stclementdanesherts.sch.uk

I really hope that you can support us in this first major fundraising activity of our 150th Anniversary year. May I take this opportunity to thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely,



Dr J Valentine
Headteacher



Mr P Hampson
Assistant Headteacher

ST CLEMENT DANES' 150TH ANNIVERSARY

THE TALENTS – PERFORM 150

OCTOBER 2011 – APRIL 2012

Parental Agreement

I accept on behalf of my child or children listed below as students of St Clement Danes School, the sum of £10 per child as a loan for the period from October 2011 to April 23rd 2012, as their part in the fundraising activity *The Talents – Perform 150*.

I guarantee that the original sum of £10 will be returned in full by no later than April 23rd 2012, with any profit made arising from the loan, to be used solely for the benefit of St Clement Danes' Perform 150 Appeal.

Please write the name of each child that you want to participate in *The Talents - Perform 150*. Please start with the youngest child and proceed chronologically.

Print name of child	Form Group

OR

I DO NOT WISH FOR MY CHILD/CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PART OF THE PERFORM 150 FUNDRAISING (Please tick here)

All parents to complete the section below

Parent's Signature.....

Name (please print).....

Address.....

Post Code.....Tel No.....

Return this form to Student Reception in an envelope marked TALENTS – PERFORM 150 as per the different Year Group deadlines detailed above. Thank you.