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St Levan Music Festival

Friday 12th July, 4pm – 6/6.30pm

With the school's new music festival only **10 days away**, we wanted to give you some more information about the event. We really hope you will read this through and support us on the day!

Although the children have always had good experiences of music through dance, classroom activities, drama, musical theatre, Minack productions, and so on, there was a feeling that it would be good to give even greater opportunities for regular engagement with music. Music can be a stimulating, life enhancing and life enriching thing.

To that end, we bought the piano keyboard, ukuleles, ocarinas, established a choir, and brought in teaching from the Cornwall Music Services Trust so that the children could have piano and violin lessons at school. And as a way of focusing all this good intent, we decided to put on a music festival to showcase all the good things that have been achieved this year. If it proves to be a success, it would be lovely to think that it could become an annual event, maybe even with camping next time to make it even more like a 'proper' festival of music – a sort of 'St. Levanbury' or 'St Levanstock'!

This first festival will present **performances by Choughs, Puffins, Parents, Teachers, Former Pupils, and Friends** from the local community with links to the school. Everybody involved has been working hard to make the show as fun and engaging as possible, and it would be fantastic if all of you would come and support the event, whether your child is directly involved or not.

Without giving away the whole bill, which you will discover when you open your program on Friday 12th, here is an outline of what to expect:

School will finish at 3.15pm as usual, and we will all make our way to the Sports Day **playing fields in St Levan**. The sun will, of course, be shining! The children will have a little time to let off steam at the playing fields before **the show starts at 4pm**. At that point it would be great if all of you could give your attention to the performers on the stage – we're sure the children will want to support their fellow pupils as they do at Sports Day anyway.

The first half of the show will last about 45mins/1hr, and will include duet performances by parents and children, solo performances by parents and alumni of the school, performances by the choir and uke group, as well an opening number by a 7-piece band featuring a member of the St Levan staff!

There will then be an interval of about half an hour, during which the incredibly kind and generous Tristan and Vickie Hugh-Jones will serve an **enormous vegetarian paella** for all who would like to partake of it. As we eat, Busk Stop, a fabulous local folk group comprising parents and friends, will play a series of traditional tunes to accompany the food (there might also be some dancing!). If you or your child are not keen on paella, please feel free to bring food with you. **This event is essentially a big musical picnic, and we'd like everyone to leave full of food and full of music to carry them smiling into the evening and the weekend...**

The second half of the show will again be approx. 45mins/1hr. As well as a showcase of pieces by all the children who have been taking lessons at the school, which should be very special, there will be some exciting performances by parents and former pupils who have gone on to make music a big part of their lives. **The show will be closed by the 7-piece band - it'll be music you can dance to! All being well, we should be finished by 6pm/6.30pm at the latest.**

Please do come and join us. We have a big tent we can use, so although the sunshine is going to be glorious for our outdoor musical picnic, we will be covered should the weather choose not to play ball!