

Dear Headteacher,

School Involvement in Leyland Festival

This year's Leyland Festival is fast approaching, and we are keen for schools in our local community to get involved.

Firstly, we would like to invite all schools in South Ribble and surrounding areas to take part in the Festival on the day either by entering a float, walking with the parade or having a stall in Worden Park. We would be delighted if your school can get involved in this way. If you would like to know more about these options, please get in touch by emailing <u>festival@southribble.gov.uk</u> and we will be happy to answer your questions and reserve your space in the festival parade and/or on Worden Park.

Our theme for 2019 is 'Musicals' so we'd love to see lots of fancy-dress costumes on the day inspired by musical theatre.

As a new addition for this year, we have created an education pack. We hope this pack will give you some ideas and resources to get all children involved and excited about this important local event.

Key elements of this year's festival include:

- Festival Parade floats, walking groups, marching bands, dancers, entertainers, community groups, musicians, vintage & classic vehicles, supercars and more all processing through Leyland town centre from Hough Lane roundabout (near McDonalds) to Worden Park.
- **Live Music** we have 2 live music stages in Worden Park showcasing some amazing local artist and our special headline guest Kevin Simm of Liberty X, Winner of The Voice 2016 and now lead singer of Wet Wet Wet.
- **Car Show** a celebration of motors of all shapes and sizes. From vintage trucks and busses and classic cars through to the latest supercars, rally cars, muscle cars and modified vehicles. There's something for all motoring tastes!

- Paws in the Park our much-loved fun dog show returns for anther year. We celebrate family pooches with categories including 'Golden Oldie' 'Cutest Puppy', 'Best rescue Dog' and 'Best Junior Handler'. We also have a number of 'have-a-go' agility sessions to try on the day.
- **Family Entertainment** sports, games, activities, fair ground, food & drink court, stalls, community groups, dance and more. There really is something for all the family!

Leyland Festival has a rich history. This is the 130th year since the very first Leyland Festival. We believe it is important for children to learn about the local communities they grow up in and that learning about Leyland Festival would be both interesting and important for local children.

We have developed the pack to take into account different curriculum subjects and to include activities that can be used in the whole school as well as some that are more targeted to different Key Stage groups.

We will be displaying the poster designs and creative writing in a special Leyland Festival display at South Ribble Borough Council, so please send us your school's completed work. You can post or deliver entries to: Leyland Festival Education Display, c/o South Ribble Borough Council, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1DH. The deadline for entering the display is Friday 24th May 2019.

We hope you find this pack useful. If you have any questions about the Festival and how your school can get involved, please contact Karen Shaw at South Ribble Borough Council on 01772 625441 or email festival@southribble.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Leyland Festival Committee