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Dear Colleagues,

Many of you will have registered by now and be hopefully dipping into the songs provided in the magazines and the excellent web site. This letter is to inform you of events that are happening this term which have been sponsored by Sing Up.

'Sing up Infants'

A successful bid to Sing Up for funding has enabled all our 9 infant schools to receive some specialist vocal support during this Summer. Pupils are being encouraged to become song leaders and support the singing in class. The junior schools will hopefully benefit in September with more confident singers!

'Your Song'

This song writing project is a small pilot working with two primary schools, Bowsland Green and Frampton Cotterell. The two tutors will encourage and support the year 5/6 pupils to write their own songs linked to themes from SEAL. It is hoped that some of the songs may be suitable for further use in South Gloucestershire.

'The Singing School' 10th June 2008

Do you want to increase your repertoire? resources? skills? confidence? **Maurice Walsh** is the author and composer of **The Singing School** resources used in Manchester which you may have already come across. Maurice will be leading a whole days training. If you are aware of the song called 'My Fantasy Football Team' – then you will have already come across his work. Teachers, TAs and governors are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

Have you looked at the '**Song of the week**' on the Sing Up web site? Learn a new song in the classroom and maybe share it with others later in the week.

Sing Up Meeting 15th May 2008

You will be pleased to know that we have a **Sing Up Area Leader - Kathleen Still** who is also responsible for BANES, and North Somerset. At this meeting you will be able to meet Kathleen and receive information about Sing Up and perhaps sing a few songs along the way! It will be a very informal meeting – sharing ideas – discussing how we can support and encourage more singing in South Gloucestershire and identifying training needs. **Come and join us at 4.15 – 5.30 at Little Stoke Primary School.**

Music Conference at Bath Spa University 11th July 2008

This excellent conference is highly recommended. Val Whitlock – one of the authors of **Singing Sherlock** – a very valuable resource of excellent songs – will be giving two workshops and presenting her latest singing book in the series. Sing Up has sponsored her to attend. All the information about the conference and booking forms can be downloaded at <http://www.learningwithsouthglos.org/music>

Primary Music Best Practice Forums

Don't forget the next meetings are on **Thursday 5th June & Wednesday 11th June 2008**. Come along and gain some ideas and resources to use back at school covering many aspects of music education. They take place at the Music Service at Little Stoke Primary School in the afternoons 1.15 – 4.00pm. If you are not booked already you need to apply in writing on a CPD booking form quoting the course codes to The CPD Unit, Bowling Hill, Chipping Sodbury, South Gloucestershire. BS37 6JX.

Sing Up Song Bank

There are now over 100 songs to choose from on the web site. In the Song Bank every song comes with a variety of backing tracks, lyrics, information about the song (and songwriter when relevant) printable interactive song sheets, activities and lesson plans! Don't forget you can listen to all the tracks by going to the '**Audio Clips**' page. Once you have chosen a song, follow the instructions to download the track to your **favourites**. You will then be able to access the audio tracks offline or burn a CD for use in your lessons.

If you have any comments or suggestions please get in touch.

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