



THE WINDMILLS JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Choir Letter – Autumn 2018 & Young Voices @ 02 February 2019

Dear parents/carers,

We have an exciting programme of events lined up for choir this autumn and I wanted all our parents to know about these events and all the children to have an opportunity to join in. Anyone can come to choir for a taster and then decide whether they want to join for the term. The first session is next Thursday 20th September at 8 am. Children come straight to the hall via the front office. This is unfortunately the same date that Yr4 are on a trip so we wouldn't expect any of them on this first session. They can join us the following week. Once children have joined we then ask for a commitment for a term as the children are always working towards a performance.

4 key events:

- **Saturday 3rd November 7pm (rehearsal at 2pm ish TBC) Hassocks United Reformed Church –** Raise money for Light up Hassocks
- **Friday 30th November (approximately 5.30- 6pm) Light up Hassocks –** Christmas Carols performance
- **Hassocks Garden Centre –** dates and times (Nov 28th - 7pm ish times TBC)
- **02 Young Voices - Friday 1st February 2019 – action needed to be taken now**

Choir Rehearsal / Club

We meet every **Thursday** at 8am (change from last year) for the whole year and concentrate on what is coming up next. Prior to performances, we do an additional practice on a Tuesday morning.

This half term, we would like the choir to attend **EVERY Thursday** and then these additional Tuesday's : 9th / 16th / 30th Oct – 3 extra rehearsals in the build-up to the evening performance at URC.

We may then need to put in additional rehearsals on a Tuesday morning in the build up to Christmas and then again in the build up to 02 but we will let you know these nearer the time.

Young Voices @ 02 – Friday 1st February 2019

The Windmills have been participating in Young Voices concerts for many years – because it is an absolutely amazing experience for the children.

This is a really exciting event where children get the opportunity to go to the London O2 arena and perform alongside thousands of other children to a huge audience – made up of their parents. Nothing can prepare you for the sound of thousands of children singing together, it is truly magical. With a full 7-piece live band made up of some of the UK's leading musicians, backing singers, and the internationally acclaimed conductor David Lawrence – it is an opportunity not to be missed and is a really impressive show. The reason that we keep going back is because it is such a rich and wonderful experience.

Although O2 is a long way off, we have to submit final numbers next week and get a firm commitment from you by paying a £10 deposit in order to secure your child's participation in this.





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If you want to find out more about Young Voices @ 02 please follow the below link to the official sight:
<https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/what-is-yv/about>

Or this link which is a quicker video of what to expect:
<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/youngvoices2017/217682152>

You can find out the songs that the children will be learning here:
<https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/childrens-music-room> **Code: Popmedley2019**

You need to secure your child's place by paying £10 by Wednesday, 26th September 2018. This covers the workshop costs, administrative costs, a song sheet and insurance. **Please pay via the school's online payment page:**

<https://www.scopay.com/login.html>

We will not be able to add late additions after this date as we have to submit these numbers to 02 on that date.

The rest of the costs need to be paid by **Tuesday 6th November 2018.** This includes the cost of the travel for each child and any adults who are travelling with the school and adult tickets to attend the performance.

Every child that attends 02 must have a nominated adult to accompany them on the journey home (this does not have to be the parent). 1 adult can be responsible for more than one child and parents can nominate another parent with their consent. We no longer require the adult to travel with us up to 02. The children need to have a nominated adult to collect them from the 02 arena. If you want to return on the coach with us you must book this in advance (same price single or return as you are reserving the seat). If you do not have an adult to nominate for the return journey please contact the school to discuss this as we do not want any child to miss out on this opportunity who would like to attend.

We will be confirming actual costs in a subsequent mail out but the approximate cost of one adult and one child attending is £63 pounds. Although, this sounds like a lot of money the experience is truly amazing and something that they will remember for a long time.

Approximate costing for one child and one adult:		
Workshop and Admin per child – PAY NOW	£10	Optional extras: Young Voices T-shirt £12.50 All parents need to pay for a child coach ticket and for each adult if they are travelling with the school.
Coach per child – return (no single fair) - For each choir member	£15	
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Cost for tickets to attend the performance	£23	
Total	£63	

I also attach a FAQ sheet for more information. Hopefully, I have answered every possible question in that document but please do not hesitate to contact the office if you need further clarification.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Leila Murray --Headteacher