

*'A Caring Christian Community Committed to Achievement'*

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Dear Parents

### **Young Voices 2019**

Following on from the fantastic success of Young Voices earlier this year, we have decided to take part again in 2019. We have been allocated space at the concert taking place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January at the Genting Arena, Birmingham. We acknowledge that Monday is not an ideal day for us to take part however we will plan a very relaxed start to the day on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January!

Young Voices is the largest children's choir concert in the world and has been operating for over twenty years. Their aim is "to inspire a love of music and create memories for the children that will last a lifetime." This is a very exciting opportunity for our children to perform together with approximately 6000 other children – something which the children who took part this year have talked a lot about!

Before the concert, we will be teaching all of KS2 the songs needed, sharing practice resources on the Young Voices website and giving you the chance to purchase tickets for the concert. If you would like tickets to attend the concert, we do need your reply by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November as tickets sell out quickly and we have to order them through school in a bulk order. Details and an order form are attached.

All children are encouraged by the organisers to wear a Young Voices T-shirt on the day however this is not compulsory. If you decide not to buy a Young Voices t-shirt, children need to wear a plain white T-shirt and dark trousers. An order form to T-shirts is attached for those who would like to purchase Young Voices t-shirts and other merchandise.

On the day itself, children will leave school at 10.30 am by coach to be in Birmingham for 1.30pm. They will practice with the choir all afternoon. The concert begins at 7.00pm and finishes at 9.15pm. At the end of the concert, all children will return home on the coach to be met by parents on our return to school. Lunch and tea will need to be provided (no fizzy drinks) as we are in the concert hall until the end of the concert.

Although parents may be at the concert and want to bring children home themselves, we have been advised by the organisers that matching children to parents at the end, along with 6000 other children, is very difficult, takes a long time and is therefore not safe and so our children will travel back on the coach to be met by you **AT SCHOOL**.

The cost of this exciting experience is £14.00 per child which has been significantly reduced thanks to a generous donation by FOSMs towards the cost of the transport. **PLEASE NOTE:** participation in this event is not compulsory and therefore we will need payment for each

child that attends. Unfortunately payment for this event is not voluntary. If you would like your child to take part the payment must be received via Parentpay by **FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**. The cost of the activity has been calculated with a view to everyone taking part however we fully appreciate that not everyone will want to attend. If you would like your child to take part but have difficulty making the payment please speak to Mrs Becker or Mrs Richards in the school office.

There will be DVD's of the concert available again and an order form has been attached in case you would like to purchase one.

Please sign the attached permission slip and return to the school office along with your ticket order form, T-shirt order form and DVD order form (if you want to buy tickets, t-shirts or DVD's) by **FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**. All payments for tickets, t-shirts and DVD's need to be made via Parentpay.

Any queries, please speak to Mrs Becker or Mrs Richards in the office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sinclair

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I give permission for ..... to take part in the Young Voices concert at the Genting Arena, Birmingham on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

I confirm that I have made payment of £14 via Parentpay.

I understand that my child/children will need to take food for lunch and tea with them on the day. (No fizzy drinks).

Signed.....

Dated.....