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Dear Parents

Young Voices - Friday 31 January 2025

We are all very much looking forward to the Young Voices Concert on Friday 31 January – the children have worked really hard in their preparations and will be singing with a super-sized choir of 6,000 at the BP Pulse LIVE at the NEC, Birmingham.

I am writing with some last minute reminders regarding tickets, t shirts and the parents' coach:-

Tickets:

- If you have requested parent tickets, these will be emailed to you shortly, from AXS to download. This is a new digital process to access tickets, so please follow the instructions carefully to download your tickets.
- If you have any questions regarding tickets, or anything is wrong with the tickets you receive, please contact the school office on receptionist@crackleyhall.co.uk, in order that they can resolve the issue as soon as possible.
- If you find that you do not require any of your tickets, please let the office know as soon as possible as there is a waiting list held in the office. These can then, hopefully, be resold with the monies being returned to you.
- Please note that BP Pulse LIVE will be conducting full bag checks. They operate a bag policy which stipulates that only 1 bag per person is allowed, no bigger than A4 (21 x 30 x 19cm), with a maximum of 2 compartments and rucksacks are not permitted.

T shirts/clothing/torches:

- All t-shirts and torches have been received at school and have been distributed to the children today.
- Please ensure that your child comes to school in dark trousers (jeans, leggings or school trousers will do), with black socks and black school shoes, and either the Young Voices t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt **ONLY**. The children will need to wear their **NAMED school jumper and coat** for travelling in.
- Please remember to send their small torch (will be sent home with the t-shirt), ideally attached to a lanyard, for use as part of the quiet song choreography.

Travel Arrangements:

- The children will leave school after an early lunch for an afternoon rehearsal. The concert itself will start at 7.00pm and end at approximately 9.00pm.
- ALL pupils will need to bring a disposable packed tea and healthy snacks (fruit, cereal bars and plenty of plain drinks ie water or juice – NO nuts/sweets/chocolate/fizzy drinks please). Please send your child in with at least one plastic bottle so that it can be refilled with drinking water, if necessary. Please ensure that all packaging is disposable, ie no lunch boxes, just named carrier bags.

Parents' Coach:

- The parents' coach will leave Crackley Hall staff car park promptly at 5.15pm and will return to school in convoy with the children's coach between 9.45pm and 10.00pm.
- We advise parents attending the concert to travel on the coach as it does make the journey less stressful and it means that parents and children arrive back at school at the same time. Please note that due to the size of the event, parents will not be able to meet up with their children at BP Pulse LIVE and therefore all children have to return to school for collection.
- If you have seats booked on the parents' coach, please park on the school field. This will be locked for the duration of the concert and unlocked as the coach arrives back at school.
- The coach company is Ridleys Coaches.
- Please do not leave any personal belongings on the coach.
- We have a few spare seats left on the parents' coach at a cost in the region of £10 per seat. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a seat, these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.
- The cost of the seats on the coach will be added to your next school bill.

Arrival back at school:

- We should be back at Crackley Hall between 9.45pm and 10.00pm, depending upon traffic. If you are unable to join us for the concert can you please arrange to be at school to collect your child no later than 10.00pm.
- When you arrive, please park in the lower car park, thus avoiding noise and congestion in the residential area. Please ensure you do not park in the approach roads as the coaches will need to reverse up into school.
- In the interest of safety, children will need to be collected from The Gables entrance. This will allow staff to check the registers and record which child has been collected.
- Please DO NOT take your child without signing them out with a member of staff at The Gables.
- If you will not be collecting your child, and will be nominating someone else to do so, please inform the school office by 9:00am on Friday 31 January.
- We will post an update on X (formerly Twitter) regarding the arrival time back to school.

Yours sincerely

Susan Olden
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