

18 January 2019

Dear Parents

Young Voices in Concert – Friday 25 January 2019

We are all very much looking forward to the Young Voices Concert next Friday – the children have worked really hard in their preparations and will be singing with a super-sized choir of 6,000 children at the Genting Arena (now Resorts World Arena) at the NEC Birmingham.

I am writing with a few last minute reminders before the day itself is upon us:

- please ensure that your child comes to school in **dark trousers** (jeans or school trousers will do) and either the Young Voices t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt ONLY. The children will need to wear their school jumper and coat for travelling in. Please remember to pop the small torches in (again not obligatory) for use as part of the quiet song choreography.
- the children will leave school after lunch for an afternoon rehearsal and the concert itself will start at 7.00pm, ending at 9.00pm. This will mean a very long day for the children so I would advise that you request a hot meal in school for your child at lunch time if they do not usually have one. ALL pupils will need to bring a disposable packed tea and healthy snacks (fruit and 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 carrier bags.
- the Parents' Coach will leave school at 5.15pm and will return to school in convoy with the children's coach at around 10.00pm.
- parking is available at the NEC. Please remember that, due to the size of this event, it is not practical for parents to try and meet up with their children at the Genting Arena (now Resorts World Arena) when the concert is over.

If you are attending Young Voices and have seats on the Parent's coach, can you 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.

We usually arrive back at school between 10.00pm and 10.30pm, depending on traffic. If you are unable to join us for the concert can you please arrange to be at school by 10.00pm. When you arrive to collect your child, the staff and lower car parks will be open thus avoiding congestion in the residential area. Please ensure you do not park in the approach roads as the coaches will need to reverse. In the interest of health and safety, children will be collected from The Gables entrance. This will allow staff to check the registers and record which child has been collected. If you will not be collecting your child and will be nominating someone else, please inform the School Office by 9am on Friday.

Senior School (11-18 years) at Princethorpe College

Junior School (4-11 years) at Crescent School

Junior School and Little Crackers Nursery (2-11 years) at Crackley Hall



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You will receive an updated text notification of our arrival time back to school as we leave the Genting Arena.

Young Voices are supporting a national charity called FareShare. This is a charity which supports local homeless people and they are requesting donations of tins if you are able to spare one. The children will be asked to drop donations of tins of fish, meat, soup or vegetables off on the way into the arena. Thank you for your support with this.

As last year, we have the wonderful opportunity to share some photos with you taken during the Young Voices concert. Please follow these instructions:

- Download the Young Voices app on your Smart Phone
- Once downloaded, select 'photos'
- Select 'teacher photos'
- You will then need to enter this code: PAR1345

There you will find photographs we have taken during the rehearsal and performance. Please note this is only accessible to our staff and parents who have been given the above access code; it is not externally visible.

Yours faithfully

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