



19 January 2018

Dear Parents

Young Voices in Concert – Friday 26 January 2018

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 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 packed tea and healthy snacks (fruit and cereal bars and plenty of plain drinks ie. water or juice – NO 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 10.15pm.
- 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 when the concert is over.

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 then please can you be at school by 10.15pm. It is very important that you park with care as the coaches will need to reverse into the school premises so that we can get the children home quickly and safely on our return. Please arrive in good time - the children will be so glad to see you!

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.

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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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

Susan Olden
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