



Oakhurst Community Primary School

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Monday 5th February 2024

Young Voices Concert - Thursday 22nd February 2024

Dear Parents and choir members

Excitingly, our date to perform at the Resort World Arena, Birmingham is nearly here and this letter sets out everything that you need to know about the day itself.

What to wear:

The children will be performing in their Young Voices T shirt and black trousers, skirts or leggings. We will be giving them their T-shirts at the venue to change into after they have eaten. The children will need to wear their black trousers, skirt or leggings and school jumper and t-shirt to school and comfortable dark coloured footwear (this could be trainers or school shoes).

What to bring:

The children will need to bring a sensible bag containing a packed lunch **and** packed tea, water bottle and additional drinks if they would like them. (No fizzy drinks please.) There are 'water stations' at the Arena and the children will be able to refill their water when necessary. Please make sure the children know what they are expected to eat at lunch and tea time and that it is carefully packed to avoid any mishaps. They may also bring reading books or puzzle books etc to entertain themselves on the coach journey. We insist that mobile phones and electronic devices are not brought as this presents issues with taking care of valuables and e-safety.

Medical:

If your child has a medical condition (such as asthma or allergies) and we already have medication in school for this, it will be taken with us, along with relevant care plans. If your child suffers from travel sickness and would benefit from taking medication please give this to them before school if possible, and send any medication required for the return journey with your child in a named envelope with clear administration instructions for them to give to an adult in school. If you will be doing so, please indicate this on the slip below.

Travel times and collecting:

The children will be leaving school on the coach at around 10:30am so they will simply need to **arrive at school for the normal start time**. They will be in class as usual for the first session and we will collect them from there. Even if you are attending the concert, your child will be travelling back on the coach to school. I'm sure you can appreciate that the number of people at the venue makes it completely impractical to return your children to you at the concert and experience has taught us that this is the safest option. The children are understandably very tired and the coach is generally a peaceful place on our return journey where they can sleep if they wish to. We expect to be back at school at approximately 11:00pm and request that parents collecting are there to meet us at this time as children are extremely tired and they find it difficult to wait. We will update you via Schoop if we are likely to be earlier or later than this time so please keep watch for updates. If you are returning from the concert, and you get held up in traffic, we understand this and will of course wait for you.



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If you plan to have an adult who is not a parent collecting your child (such as another child's parent) it is very important that we know this so please indicate it on the form below.

What it's like:

Until you have been to a Young Voices event it is hard to appreciate just what a spectacle it is. We will take and display an Oakhurst School banner and keep the children in their purple jumpers for as long as possible to help you locate us in the crowd if you are coming to see it. Some parents have found that binoculars have helped them pick out their child but this is a very difficult task! The concert is about much more than seeing your child on stage. It is a fantastic show and an incredibly uplifting experience. We hope everyone coming - children and parents alike - have a truly wonderful time. If you haven't had chance to look at it yet, there is more information about Young Voices for parents here <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/for-parents>. More information for spectators to the show, including the bag policy, timings and travelling to and from the venue can be found here <https://www.resortsworldarena.co.uk/whats-on/young-voices/>

If you are not coming to watch, or you would just like to see it all over again, you are able to purchase a video of the concert that your child is in at the Young Voices website. Full information can be found here: <https://yv24film.co.uk/>

On the first Monday back (19th February), we have a TD Day. Given that the Young Voices concert is during that first week back, we will be running choir on that Monday as normal for any children who wish to attend. In the meantime, please encourage your child to practise their songs and their dances between now and the concert. The better they know the songs, the more fun they will have when performing them.

As always, if you have any other questions, please feel free to speak to either of us or email the school admin address for our attention. **We kindly request that everyone returns the slip below on or before Thursday 8th February (this week.)**

Regards,

Mrs Mead and Mr Mead