8 September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Y5 Young Voices 02 Trip and Performance – Young Voices 17.1.24

As detailed in the Y5 Welcome Meeting, we have the opportunity to perform at the iconic 02 Arena in London as part of the Young Voices 2023 Choir. This letter gives you some more details about the Year 5 performance and trip to the 02.

Coach for the children

As the children will be travelling to and from the 02 by coach, we kindly ask for a provisional voluntary contribution of £18.00 to cover the registration fee with Young Voices and coach hire. Please also give your permission for your child to attend the event by fully opening up the trip by double clicking and ticking the box within the trip information section. If you need any assistance with your Scopay account please contact the school office.

We can confirm that the voluntary contribution represents our estimate of the costs of providing this activity, shared equally amongst all pupils. As the resources of the school are limited, the proposed trip will not take place if there are insufficient voluntary contributions to cover the cost of the trip. If you would like to pay and are currently experiencing financial difficulties, please come and discuss the trip and payment with Mrs Druce as there is always a solution and absolute confidentiality is assured.

The coach will be picking up the children from school at around 12.30pm, after they have had their lunch. We aim to arrive back at school at approximately 11.00pm but this is our best estimate as this depends on how quickly we can board the coach after the concert has concluded and what the traffic is like on the night. The children are dismissed after the event, when we have arrived back at school. Due to the fact that the 02 will be extremely busy after the event, we will not be dismissing children to their parents/carers there. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding as our main priority is keeping your children safe on the night.

Clothing for the Performance

Young Voices recommend that children wear an official Young Voices t-shirt and this can also be purchased through the school, using the Scopay online payment system, by selecting the required size. The sizes are detailed on Scopay. The t-shirt bundle comes with a torch. Please be careful to order the correct size, shown in the options, as these cannot be changed. Buying the t-shirt bundle is not essential and the alternative is to wear a plain white t-shirt. Below the t-shirt, the children should wear school trousers/skirts and school shoes.

Audience Tickets

Tickets for parents/carers/siblings/grandparents/family are on sale for the 02 performance on the night. These can be purchased through the school as it is requested from the venue that they receive one large order per school. The school will then distribute the tickets once they have arrived. Young Voices organise the audience seats so that our group will be able to see their particular school and children.

Tickets are priced at £25.00 per person, with no restriction as to how many can be bought. Please indicate how many tickets you would like and pay using Scopay.

Please be aware that tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis so it is important that tickets are ordered as soon as possible if you require them. Please note that it is not essential for you to purchase tickets to watch as the priority is for the children to experience a once in a life time opportunity of performing at the O2 Arena and being part of a choir, which will consist of over 8,000 students from other schools. It really is an amazing experience that they will remember forever!

Security Update

In addition to our risk assessment and safety plans, the Young Voices team will be working alongside the Arena and its partners to develop a bespoke event plan containing detailed arrival and exit information for our concerts. This will include information regarding enhanced security and increased security screening. All of this information will be provided to schools in due course and with ample time before the events. We will keep you updated when we send out the final information for this event nearer the time.

Next steps – Important Deadline Information

Please make sure you have given your permission and paid for your child by Monday 18.9.23 using Scopay.

Please order any audience tickets required by Monday **18.9.23** using Scopay. If you miss this bulk ordering deadline, tickets can still be purchased directly from the O2 at a later date but are not guaranteed. You will not be reminded to order your tickets from the school and only tickets booked via Scopay before the deadline will be accounted for in our group bulk booking.

Please make sure that if you would like your child to have an official Young Voices T-shirt, you have ordered it by Monday **18.9.23** using Scopay. T-shirts will be ordered immediately after this deadline and no alterations or late additions will be possible. Please ensure you check that the correct size has been requested before finalising your order.

We will update you with further information regarding details for the performance day shortly (i.e. snacks and drinks required) and would like to thank you for your continued support in making this opportunity for the children possible.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Mrs Beadle, Miss Ozyakup, Mrs Temlett and Mrs James Y5 Young Voices Team