



Swindon Village Primary School

6th May 2022

Dear Parents,

Wednesday 18th May sees our trip to the 'Young Voices Concert' at the Resorts World Arena (formerly the Genting Arena) in Birmingham finally taking place. Below are the final details and, hopefully, all the information you should need.

Timings: We will be leaving school at lunchtime to arrive at the Arena for 2.00pm. There will be an afternoon rehearsal before the evening's concert which commences at 7.00pm. The concert is scheduled to finish at 9.15pm and we are aiming to be back at school between 10.30pm and 11.00pm depending on the traffic leaving the venue. Obviously, this is hard to predict but I will be sending parents a text via our communication system as soon as we have a better idea of our ETA. If you are not currently signed up to receive texts (or we don't have the correct details) please let the office have your details asap. The text will be sent to the first emergency contact only.

Due to the number of people at the Arena, we have been advised that it will not be possible for children to be collected from the venue.

The next day: We appreciate that the children will be tired after a long day and a late night and so we are prepared to be flexible about arrival time on the Friday. I will leave it up to your discretion as to what time your child arrives but it will be necessary for all children to be in school by 11am. **Please note that, unless you pre-order a hot lunch with the office, children arriving after 9.30am will need to bring in a packed lunch.**

Food/drink: Lunch will be as normal (slightly early hot or packed lunch at school) and all children will also need a packed-tea. This should be in a small bag which will need to fit under your child's seat during the concert. Please also remember to send them with enough drinks to last them into the evening.

Dress: All of the children should wear either a 'Young Voices' T-shirt (if previously ordered – this year's or a previous year's), or a plain white T-shirt. T-shirt packs ordered this year will be given out on Tuesday 17th. The T-shirts should be accompanied by a pair of dark trousers or a skirt. Jeans are not to be worn. Children will **not** need to wear their uniform to school on the day and instead should wear the **trousers/skirt that they are wearing for the concert, the Young Voices/plain white t-shirt and their school jumper**. They will also need a coat as it may be cool/wet when we leave the NEC and the coach may be some distance away.

Tiny torches: If your child ordered one, or have one from a previous year, don't forget to pack the Young Voices torch.

Tickets: Thank you to everyone who has ordered tickets. These have now arrived and have been distributed. Any further tickets required should now be purchased directly from the Arena Box-Office.

If you are attending the concert, please note that no video cameras will be allowed into the arena.

Words: As you are probably aware, and as we have been frequently telling the children, no word sheets will be allowed at the concert. Please, please, please can you help your child learn as many of the words as possible. I appreciate that there are a lot of them but the more they know the more they will enjoy the concert. Please encourage your child to listen to the songs at every opportunity – I'm sorry if you are already fed up with them but it's only for one more week! If they can't find their word sheets (or they're worn out from over use), they can be downloaded from the Young Voices Website or they can ask us for a set in school.

On Tuesday 10th and 17th the choir are meeting and running through all of the songs and dance moves, children from Y5 who are attending the concert but are not members of the choir are also very welcome to join us in the Hall if they would like to. We will finish at 4.15pm and the children can be collected from the school entrance on the infant playground.

I think that just about covers everything. If you have any questions, please ask. Further details can be found on the Young Voices website.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Donna Steed and Mrs Sarah O'Leary