

29th November 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

Our Young Voices concert is fast approaching, and we are all getting increasingly excited about it! Thank you for your ticket and t-shirt orders. We are awaiting their arrival any day!

As mentioned in the original letter, we have now booked our coach, and therefore we would like to request that each child has a contribution made on their behalf. **This is to be found on ParentPay, and is £6. The deadline for this is Friday 10th December.**

The arrangements for the day are as follows:

Monday 8th Jan

- Arrival at school as normal, however those going on the trip are allowed to wear their Young Voices t-shirts (or plain white), dark trousers (dark jeans or leggings are also acceptable), along with blazers for the day.
- Lessons 1, 2 and the start of lesson 3 will be as normal.
- They will then meet in the studio at 11:30 am to be registered.
- We will leave school at 12.00pm. Pupils should be wearing their blazers at all times when on the coach, and when walking around the arena. It is our identifiable uniform, and therefore is essential that pupils bring them.
- Children should bring 2 packed meals – one for their lunch, and one for their tea. They should bring plenty to drink – **NO FIZZY DRINKS OR GLASS BOTTLES PLEASE.**
- Pupils are not permitted to bring their school bags. They will leave them in their locker before we leave school. Phones and lunches should be brought in the smallest bag that is practical.
- Upon arrival at the Genting Arena, we will have our lunch, and be directed to our seats.
- We will then rehearse for the afternoon, with tea around 5pm.
- Only YV tiny torches are allowed – no other torch or light will be permitted.

For Parents:

- The concert starts at 7pm. You should arrive no later than an hour beforehand. As is to be expected, security is heightened at all arenas. You, along with our pupils, should expect to be searched, so please allow time for this. Young Voices recommends that you simply bring one small bag, such as a 'bumbag'. This will make your entry into the arena smoother and quicker.
- Please go onto the Young Voices website and visit the 'For Parents' section. This will give you further information on things such as parking.
- We will have a banner with Codsall Middle School on it. This is how you will know where we are in the arena! Be warned, every other school will also have banners – we will endeavour to put the banner onto the website prior to the event, so you know which one to look out for. We hope to be able to let you know, in advance, whereabouts we will be sitting.
- Please do not bring large cameras – they will not be permitted in the arena.
- There is no interval during the concert.
- Pupils' mobile phones will be switched off for the duration of the rehearsal and the concert. We may allow them to contact you during teatime (although this is subject to change), and then once they are on the coach, we will give them the chance to contact you once again.



- The concert will end at approximately 8:50pm. The arena staff will then lead all schools towards exits. We are not permitted to try and meet up with parents. At the end of the event, we will make our way straight to the coach. You should make your way to your cars, and make no attempt to come and see us. This is for the safety and ease of all children making their way out of the arena. We will meet you back at school. We predict this will be at approximately 10:30pm.

Charities:

FareShare: This is a national award winning charity, which is supported by Young Voices. All children are encouraged to bring a tin of food which will be collected by their staff at the start of the rehearsal. These will be given to the homeless. This is not obligatory but we would be grateful if you could support the request.

Teenage Cancer Trust: There will be a bucket collection at the end of the concert.

And Finally:

Please complete the form below. This will give us current and up-to-date contact and medical details for you and your child on the night of the concert.

Please, also, encourage your child to visit YoungVoices.co.uk and go to the children's section to practise the songs. There are lots of them, and they need to know all of the words. The password is *YVConcerts2018*. Parents may also enjoy getting to know some of the songs – you'll be able to sing along too!

Many thanks for your continued support. The evening promises to be a fantastic one!

Ms B Smith
Music Teacher

Young Voices 2018

Pupil name: _____ Tutor group: _____

I HAVE PAID £6 FOR THE COACH TRANSPORT ON PARENTPAY

Medical details of child (any new information including medication should be passed on nearer the time):

Emergency contact details on the evening:

Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Contact number: _____ Are you attending the concert? _____

I confirm at responsible adult will collect my child at approximately 10.30pm from school.

Signed: _____ (person with parental responsibility) Date: _____