



Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to let you know about an exciting event that we have planned for our school choir early next year. We are once again planning a trip up to London **on Friday 14 January 2022** to take part in the "Young Voices" concert at the O2 Arena. Young Voices is a concert drawing together talented professionals, musicians, vocalists, dancers and children from schools across the country. It provides the opportunity for our pupils to perform with the largest children's choir in the country alongside internationally known artists. It will actually be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert – delayed for a year due to the last Covid lockdown.

By signing up, the children from our choir will be expected to attend lunchtime rehearsals once a week to learn and become familiar with the songs and dances to be performed. They need to be committed to these as there are a lot to learn! Words and music files will be found in the Choir Club section on our school website as well as on the Young Voices YouTube channel.

The cost for the day will be **£25.00**. This price includes transport by coach to and from London, access to the concert as well as a T-shirt and novelty torch for each child.

Children will leave school at around 10.00am on the day of the concert and arrive in London ready for an afternoon rehearsal at the O2. **They will need to bring a packed lunch AND a packed tea for the day as well as plenty to drink.** The evening concert is due to start at 7.00pm and should be finished by 9.15pm. All children will then return to school by coach. Traffic permitting, we estimate being back at school by 11.00pm. Parents are able to buy tickets to attend the concert separately. I will write to you separately about how to book these. Please note that parents attending travelling up to the O2 are required to make their own travel arrangements and must meet the choir back at school following the concert as there is no facility to pick up and collect children from the O2.

Young Voices is an amazing opportunity to be involved in. An inspirational event, learning new skills, including children from all walks of life, creating lifelong memories, and a thoroughly enjoyable experience overall. If you would like to know more about the concert or anything concerning this event please feel free to come in and ask or visit the official website. To secure your child's place, we must confirm numbers with the O2 by **Monday 1 November 2021**. Please make your payment by that date via the pupil asset app (numbers are limited and it is based on a first come first serve basis and are capped at 50 places). There will be further details regarding how parents can book tickets to attend sent to you in due course.

Yours faithfully

Mr. Rob Hackett  
Headteacher