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Young Voices 2025 – The O2 Arena

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing with the final details for Young voices at the O2 on Friday the 24th January 2025. I will be sending tickets ordered via an email link this week. The email will detail the app (AXS) you need to download onto your mobile phone to accept the e-tickets, as the O2 operates a ticketless system. I will send all tickets to the main email registered for your child on Arbor. If you need them sent to a different address please advise me as I can resend them up to the point they are accepted by yourself. Please make sure you accept the tickets before the day of the concert as I will be unable to make any changes on the day.

T-shirts and torches have arrived in school and can be collected from myself in the music room Monday- Wednesday. If your child would still like a T-shirt, you can purchase them from the Young Voices online shop or at the O2 for £20. If your child is buying at the O2 they should bring cash in an envelope and staff will arrange for the T-shirt to be purchased. Please remember they do not have to purchase a T-shirt but can wear a plain white top.

Children should arrive in school as normal and will be collected at the end of the first lesson. Below is a rough outline of the day:

10:30am - Depart school when ready and arrive at the O2 at 12.30pm and eat lunch.

2:00pm - Rehearsal begins.

5:00pm - Rehearsal finishes. At this point we will eat our packed tea.

6:00pm - Back into our seats ready for the concert.

6.30/7:00pm - Concert starts

8.45/9:00pm - Concert finishes.

11:30pm approximately - Arrive back at Guillemont for collection.

Again, this is a very rough time as we cannot leave our seats in the O2 until all the audience seats have been cleared and then we are let out in a specific order and this has taken over an hour in previous years. Please note that we will not be able to meet up with any parents or carers at the O2. It is incredibly busy after the concert and getting all the children on the coach is much easier and safer for everyone. This is also what the Young Voices and the O2 suggest. Staff/parent helpers on the coach will update the parent WhatsApp group with our approximate arrival time once we have left London. If you have not already joined the WhatsApp group please let me know your mobile number so I can give them to the parent that runs the group.

Your child will need to have a packed lunch and tea packed in a carrier bag and enough drink (not fizzy) to last them the whole day in plastic screw top bottles. The children are able to refill their water bottles at the O2. They will need to bring cutlery as required as we are unable to get any at the O2. Your child does not need a rucksack or to bring any other items as we are unable to get back any items left at the O2, this includes mobile phones.

Please make sure that your child comes to school in their Young Voices t-shirt (present or past) or a plain white t-shirt ready for the concert. If your child needs a change of clothes in case of accidents, please ensure these are named. Please ensure any medication needed for the day is given to myself and the consent form completed. Any medication already in school such as inhalers/individual plasters will be collected by staff.

If you have any questions that have not been answered in this letter, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Joanne Gray

Music Leader