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Dear Parents/Carers,

The children in year 5 and 6 have been chosen to participate in the Young Voices Choir concert to be held at the Resorts World Arena (now known as bp Pulse Live) Birmingham on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Young Voices have been providing opportunities for children to perform, alongside thousands of other children across the country, for nearly 30 years. The children who have taken part previously have said it was 'the best experience they have ever had'.

As this is part of the performance element of the music National Curriculum, we are expecting **all** of the children in year 5 and 6 to participate. Behaviour has to be exemplary, as the children will be representing our school. As such, any children who are not conducting their behaviour in line with school policy, will not be permitted to attend on the day, and would be expected to attend school to complete work set within another class.

The children will travel to Birmingham by coach, (we hope to gain a grant from The Sylvia Short Trust), leaving school at approximately 10:45am. They will have the opportunity to purchase a lunch, with money provided from home, from the Hopwood services on the way (another exciting opportunity for them!). If children are not purchasing lunch, an additional lunchbox and drink will need to be provided. On arrival to the Arena, the children will rehearse all afternoon alongside children from many other schools. They will then break for tea at 5pm, which will need to be provided to be provided from home- further details to follow.

Parents are able to purchase tickets, a form for this is attached to this letter. Parents who have purchased tickets will arrive from 6pm. The concert will begin at 6:30pm and end at 8:45pm (approx.).

Parents attending the concert may collect their child from the Arena, confirmation of this will need to be made in advance. All other pupils will travel back to school by coach, and should be collected from school at approximately 10:30pm.

Parental tickets should be ordered via the order forms sent with this letter. The orders will be collated by school and ordered in a bulk order. Cash may be used but payment by MCAS is preferred please. Children attending in the choir DO NOT need a ticket. The children will need to wear a white top with black/dark trousers/skirt on the day. There is a YV T-shirt available to purchase, should you wish. This form is also attached.

I will hold a parent meeting when we return from the Christmas break, to provide parents with all additional information, and to answer any questions. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact a member of staff.

Thank you for your support, it really will be a night to remember for your child!

Mrs Yarnold, Mrs Nash, Mrs Smith, Mrs Makins









