



Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Young Voices 2024 Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Young Voices concert on 8<sup>th</sup> February is fast approaching and we are getting very excited!

### Young Voices Music Room

We work very hard in our sessions to learn the songs - there are about 25 of them in total! However, there are A LOT of words to learn and we will not be able to use lyric sheets on the day. It would be really helpful if you could encourage your child to spend some time learning the lyrics at home over the next few weeks, so that we can get the most out of our visit to Sheffield. If you need support in accessing the link sent at the start of the club, please do get in touch. Alternatively, The Young Voices 2024 Playlist is also available on Spotify, if you prefer to access your music that way. Each child should also have a paper copy of the lyric booklet, so they can use that to sing along.

### Coach and Parking on the day

In order to reduce the cost of the coach travel to Sheffield, this year we have decided to share a coach with another York school. In order to fund this we would like to organise 'Tuesday Treat Day' after the success of last years 'Monday Bun Day'. Could we please ask for donations of baked goods – homemade or shop bought – to be brought into school on the following days; Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January to be sold in the playground after school. Please do include any allergens.

If you have purchased tickets to attend the show and intend to travel to Sheffield by car, we would strongly suggest you consider booking car parking at the Utilita Arena as soon as possible. I know from personal experience how difficult it can be to find a parking space on the evening, so planning ahead would be advisable. Parking spaces are available to book using this link.

<http://utilitaarenasheffield.co.uk>

### Tickets and T- Shirts

Tickets have now been sent through to school and we are awaiting the arrival of the T-shirts. We will be distributing tickets to families in the coming weeks and will send them home with your child. Do keep your tickets safe and ensure you have them with you when you travel to the arena. We will keep the T-shirts in school and hand out to children on the day of the concert. Remember if your child has not purchased an official Young Voices T-Shirt then they must wear a plain white T-shirt.

### Arrangements for the day

We will be attending a dress rehearsal during the afternoon of Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February followed by the concert in the evening. Young Voices regulations require all children to arrive at the arena, and to leave the arena by coach with the rest of their school choir.

**What your child will need:** Their Young Voices T-shirt, otherwise, a plain white t-shirt, their usual school skirts/trousers and a packed tea in a named carrier bag. Please do not send your child with a back pack as they are not allowed in the arena.

**Departure:** We will be leaving school at 12:30pm in order to arrive in enough time for the dress rehearsal which starts at 2pm. All children will have lunch in school AS NORMAL before we leave. They need to be wearing their school uniform on the day but will change into their Young Voices T-shirt or plain white T-shirt before we leave. Their school polo shirt and book bags will be left in school until the



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next morning. We will not be taking mobile phones with us to the arena so any phones brought to school by Year 6 children will be left in school until the following morning.

**Dress Rehearsal:** The dress rehearsal runs from 2pm until 5pm. The children all require a **packed dinner/tea** to eat after the dress rehearsal as well as a water bottle.

**Concert:** The concert starts at 7pm and we look forward to seeing many of you in the audience. (You may want to pack your binoculars to ensure you get a good view of your children!) The doors to the arena will open at 6pm for parents.

**Back to School:** Once the concert finishes, we will be making our way back to the coach to travel back to school. The children are usually released from the arena after the audience so you should be able to get a head start! We estimate that we will arrive back at 10:45pm but will update our progress via the school twitter account.

**Following School Day:** It will be a late finish on the Thursday and although the school day will start as normal on the Friday, if your child does need an extra hour of sleep, we ask that they come to school at 10.30am. Please either come at the usual school time of 8.50am or at 10.30am (not in between). If you feel this extra hour of sleep is needed you **must** inform school via the form below in order for us to order a dinner for them.

Thank you again for your continued support with our Young Voices club. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us through the school office.

Miss Guest and Mrs Hartley

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### **Young Voices Concert – Utilita Arena, Sheffield**

I do give permission for my child to attend the Young Voices concert on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and understand that I will need to collect my child from school at 10.45pm.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number for the evening \_\_\_\_\_

My child will be in school at normal time (8.50am) on Friday morning

My child will be in at 10.30am on Friday morning

Please circle their chosen lunch option for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February:

- Fish Fingers & Chips
- Quorn Nuggets & Chips
- Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
- Ham sandwich
- Packed lunch



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