



MALCOLM SARGENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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21 January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 SENIOR CHOIR – YOUNG VOICES - 23 JANUARY 2019 BIRMINGHAM-WORLD RESORTS ARENA (FORMERLY GENTING ARENA)

It's here! All the children are excited to be taking part in the Young Voices concert so here is a reminder of what will happen on the day and what the children will need to bring with them.

What to Wear

If you have ordered a Young Voices t-shirt your child should have brought it home last week. On the day, the children should come to school in their Young Voices t-shirt, if ordered, or a plain white t-shirt (no logos including school logos or pictures) or a previous year's Young Voices t-shirt. They should also wear dark coloured, comfortable bottoms (school trousers, leggings, dark jeans, trousers or jogging bottoms), comfortable shoes (ie trainers) as we will be standing for some time) and a coat. Remember your tiny torch wrist band which was included in your t-shirt order too! Please don't bring your own torches as the beam will be too bright.

Timings of the Day

The children will leave school at 11:15 to get to Birmingham. The coaches will return to school after the concert, where you will be able to pick up your child, at approximately 2245, depending on traffic. Please do not park in the lay-by in front of school as that is where the coach will park. If we are running early/late we will contact you via a Parentmail text. For that reason, please ensure that your contact details are up to date on Parentmail.

- 1115 depart
- 1300 lunch
- 1330 take our places in the Arena
- 1415 rehearsal starts
- 1700 tea
- 1800 back in seats
- 1900 concert commences
- 2100 concert ends

Our children will remain in their seats until the audience has dispersed. The choir will then return to our coach ready to depart.

Audience Tickets

The audience tickets are available from the office now if you have not already collected them. There are a limited number of tickets still available for the concert if you still wish to purchase some. They are available at the World Resorts Birmingham Box Office via www.ticketmaster.com. The box office may receive returned tickets even on the day of the concert, therefore, it is worth calling them.

Food and Snacks

Please provide your child with **lots of healthy snacks** to keep them going through the day and lots of water or healthy drinks in a plastic bottle. Glass bottles and cans are not permitted in the Arena.

The children will need to bring a **packed lunch and a packed tea in separate bags**. Food should be placed in a rucksack or bag that can be easily stored away under their seat in the Arena. Please also include an empty carrier bag for rubbish.

If you have ordered a hot lunch from school, that order has been refunded to you and you will need to provide food for your child.

FareShare Donation

The Young Voices' organisers are asking the children to bring a tin or packet of food to hand in on arrival to the charity FareShare where the food collected will be distributed to homeless people in Birmingham. Your donation, which is optional, could be a tin of fruit, vegetables, meat or a packet of pasta or rice.

Recording/Photos

As I understand, video recording equipment or professional cameras (where the lenses can be removed) are not permitted in the Arena and will be removed by Arena staff.

During the event, I will be taking lots of photos and videos of your children on the school cameras and iPads. On my return to school, I will be checking your parental consents before posting some of them up onto the school's Facebook and/or website. If you wish to change any permissions please do so on the yellow student update forms sent out recently or by calling the school office with your verbal permission.

Songs and Dance Moves

Please keep on practising the songs and dances. They are available at www.youngvoices.co.uk with the private password Popmedley2019

Additional Security checks

It may take longer to get in to the arena due to additional security checks. Your bags will be checked so it may be a good idea to bring only a small bag or no bag at all. Please make sure you visit the arena's website to check on what is allowed under new regulations (bag sizes etc). Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

... And Finally

Children should have plenty of rest the night before to keep their energy levels up as it is a busy, late and tiring, but really exciting day of singing.

If you have any further questions or queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Vicki Mills
Choir Director