

Hooton Pagnell All Saints Church of England Primary School

Preparing Pupils for their Future



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Thursday 12th January 2023

Dear parents/ carers,

Our fantastic Young Voices trip is nearly here and we have all worked really hard to learn all of the songs and dance moves. We are now into the last few weeks of our rehearsals before the concert date on Thursday 2nd February.

Below is an outline of the day:

- This week we will send out Young Voices T-Shirts, if you have purchased one. If not, your child will need a **PLAIN WHITE T-SHIRT** to wear at the event. This must not have any logos on - a school shirt or polo shirt will be fine. Children will still wear the lower half of their school uniform. It is a good idea to send the Young Voices T-shirt in a separate bag to change into at dinnertime before we leave for the arena.
- Each child will be given a mini torch that they can use at certain times during the concert. We will give these out on the day of the concert to prevent the children from losing it.
- We will leave school at 12.45pm and travel to the Utilita Arena in Sheffield.
- Rehearsals will start at 2.15pm in the arena and will finish around 5pm.
- During the afternoon we will run the full repertoire of songs that we have learnt and children will listen to all of the solo acts taking part, including Heather Small from 'M People' and Urban Strides Dance Crew.
- There will be plenty of rest time within the afternoon so our children will not be too tired.
- Tea will take place between 5pm and 6pm within the arena where children will eat their packed lunch (**please bring this to school on the morning of the trip**).
- If your child normally has a packed lunch at dinnertime- they will require 2 packed lunches- please put their teatime one in a separate bag (**NO FIZZY DRINKS**).
- **NO MONEY** is needed at the event.
- The concert will start at 7pm and finish around 8.45pm.
- We will leave the arena as soon as we are instructed to leave our seats by the arena security.
- We aim to be back at school for around 9.45pm. **Pick up at the end of the school drive.**
- In previous years there has sometimes been slight delays in leaving the arena due to the volume of traffic. Parents who are attending the event may find that they reach school before the children. Or vice versa! There is no need to worry- just get to school safely to pick up your child and we will be waiting.
- Children **MUST** have a coat to wear to travel in when we leave school/arena as we should be prepared for inclement weather.
- ***Registers will close at 10.30am on Friday morning (3rd February) for all children who have attended the concert (and younger siblings) rather than the normal time. Because of the late registration, we will need to ask the children for their dinner orders the previous day.***
- **And finally, if I can give any advice to any parents coming to watch the Young Voices performances, please set off early and leave plenty of time to arrive at the venue. The traffic around the arena is horrendous at these events and extra time must be allowed. I would also advise you to book your carpark space to alleviate any hold ups with parking.**

Although the day will be long (and tiring), I can assure you that your child will have a fantastic day and will have these musical memories for many years. I have taken part in these concerts since 2004 and I can honestly say this is one of the best primary school events I am honoured to take the children to. The experience alone is worth it, never mind the enjoyment the children will get from singing along with thousands of other children accompanied by a live band and special guests.

Please do not hesitate to send me a message if there is anything you would like to know further about this trip.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Thorpe
Interim Head Teacher