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Dear Parents,

YOUNG VOICES O2 ARENA – MONDAY 29TH JANUARY 2024

We have begun our preparations for the Year 4 trip for Young Voices in January. The cost of the trip will £19.50 and we can now accept payments via Arbor. The payments have been split in to two payments, £11.00 and £8.50 to help spread the costs. Please could all payments be made by Thursday 25th January.

Please find below the arrangements for our trip to the 02 and a run through of the day's events.

ARRANGEMENTS:

We will be leaving school at around 11:00am and travelling by coach to the O2. We anticipate arriving at the O2 by approx. 12.45pm. The children will then have their lunch. We start rehearsals at 2:15pm and continue through until 5:00pm. We then break for tea. Please ensure that your child has enough food and drink to keep him/her going for the whole day. That includes a packed lunch, a packed dinner, snacks and sufficient drinks --all securely sealed. There will be no possibility of buying food at the venue. We will return to our seats by 6:00pm when the doors open to the audience. The concert commences at 7:00pm and is scheduled to end at 9:15pm. We will then leave the O2 and return to school around 10:30-11:00pm traffic permitting. However, we know from previous experience that this time can vary. We will keep parents updated via Arbor in-app messaging.

WHAT TO WEAR:

Children should wear their school uniform to school on the day. White t-shirts will be worn for the concert. These are COMPULSORY; your child will not be allowed to participate without one. A NAMED white t-shirt must be sent in with your child on the day. Children will change into their t-shirt after dinner, before the evening concert. Alternatively, they can wear their white t-shirt under their uniform. To avoid loss of clothing, please ensure that your child has a bag large enough to accommodate his/her food and drink supplies as well as a school shirt and jumper after the change of clothing is made.

Children are NOT permitted to take any valuables such as mobile phones, money or games consoles. Coats, gloves, etc should be labelled in case anything is lost.

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

If your child suffers from travel sickness or there is any other information I should be aware of (apart from medical/dietary needs already recorded with the school), please complete the below electronic form by 3.30pm on 22nd January at the latest.

https://forms.office.com/e/N3GFXVASkR

If your child has an asthma inhaler or epi-pen in school these will be taken to the O2 on the day.

THE NEXT DAY:

Due to the late arrival back from the O2, children are permitted to come to school later the following morning (or normal time if easier for families). All children should be in class **no later than 10.30am** on Tuesday 30th January. If your child will require a hot meal on the Tuesday, please contact the school office to book before 9.15am (even if already booked through ParentPay).

AUDIENCE TICKETS:

If you have purchased an audience tickets these will be distributed at a later date.

Miss Taylor-Croft Year 4 Teacher

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS ATTENDING THE EVENT:

Parking

If you would like to pre-book parking, this is the link. – The O2 Parking (aegeurope.com)

<u>Arrival</u>

- Parents are advised to arrive early (between 6pm and 6.30pm ideally) to that they leave adequate time to go through security
- Parents and all members of the audience must be prepared for bag checks, searches and airport style security on the entrances of the arenas.
- Our best advice is to leave bags at home if possible as this speeds up the queue and will get everyone into the arenas much quicker. If parents have to bring bags only small bags will be allowed so please leave backpacks and larger bags at home.

Please keep your eyes out for our Sussex Road banner. As we can never be sure that we will have somewhere to attach it, we will have the banner up (which is very large) above our heads (and no doubt not flat as enthusiastic hands will be hitting it from below) as soon as possible from 6pm so you are able to spot us. I am sure it will go up and down many times before 7pm when the show starts.