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Dear Parents/Carers,

20th January 2023

Young Voices Concert- 30th January

After working incredibly hard in rehearsals, it's almost time to perform at the Young Voices concert. The morning will be a normal school morning. Children will eat lunch slightly earlier, before leaving school for Manchester at 12.30pm. Children need to wear PE uniform, including a plain white t-shirt and bring a light waterproof coat in case of rain.

When we arrive at the arena we will find our places and be ready for an afternoon of rehearsing. At 5.00pm we will be finishing rehearsals and will have their tea break. All children will need an **ample** packed tea to be brought in a named carrier bag. Please ensure your child has plenty to drink, preferably water, as it does get very warm and we will be dancing for much of the day. The concert will commence at 7.00pm and should end at approximately 8.45 pm.

All the children must travel back to school on the coach and be collected from school. Young Voices stipulate that the children should not leave the arena until all the audience has left. I am therefore presuming that we will be leaving Manchester at approximately 9.30pm and arriving back at school somewhere between 10.30pm and 11pm. Please take into account that these timings are approximate depending upon the time the concert ends, the numbers of children leaving the arena and the traffic coming out of Manchester.

When we arrive back at school, we will keep all the children on the coach and would ask you to collect them from there. Mrs Maskell will be our base contact and she can be contacted at school during the day. Regular updates on the Facebook page will be posted during the evening regarding our arrival back at school. Children can come into school up to 11am the following day due to the late return.

Young Voices have asked if the children would be prepared to bring with them a tin of food to contribute to a collection for 'Fair Share'. If you would like to contribute a tin, please could your child bring this with them on the day, but please do not feel obliged.

So, to summarise:

- The children will need a packed tea and plenty to drink. Please could the children bring their meal in a named carrier bag with food wrapped in packaging that can be thrown away. Cartons of drink and bottles of water would probably be easier to manage as the children can throw them away when they are finished.
- The children must come to school wearing PE uniform with a plain white t-shirt and a lightweight waterproof.
- We aim to be back at school around 10.30pm. Check the school Facebook/text for updates.

Many thanks,

Miss E Lofthouse

Headteacher Elizabeth Maskell
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