



# EXCITING NEWS!

Dear Parents,

This year we are joining a very exciting nationwide choir group called Young Voices. We will be taking 30 children to represent the school at the O2 Arena on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019. Whatever you think a trip to your child's choir concert means, forget it! Think ARENA, think CONCERT, think BIG!! Your child may be taking part in the world's largest school choir concert! They will perform alongside 5,000-8,000 other children as a single choir to capacity audiences of family and friends.

**As we have to learn eighteen songs by the end of January we have taken the decision to move choir from Friday lunchtime (half hour) to Friday after school 3:30-4:30, so that we have a solid hour to practise our songs.**

Being a part of YV provides your child the opportunity to perform in some of the world's greatest arenas alongside incredible artists. To achieve this with all their school friends around them for support, it helps their self-belief, self-motivation, confidence, and ability to communicate as part of a team - which is invaluable! Add to this the numerous health benefits of consistent singing in rehearsals, including breathing regulation to relieving stress - it's no wonder that Young Voices is over-subscribed year after year!

We have to give firm numbers to Young Voices by the end of September so we need to get choir up and running this Friday with a weekly register. Children **MUST** commit to coming every week. As we are unclear how popular choir will be, we may need to draw names out of a hat to see who will be going to the O2 for the actual concert.

Please find attached a "commitment" form from you giving initial permission for your child to take part. This does not guarantee a place but gives us an idea of numbers.

You may just wish that your child attends choir club and does not go the O2 - that is fine!

### **Important information before you commit:**

Children are entered for free - we have signed up and get free places for the choir. Mrs Hall, Mrs Palk and Mrs Newhouse will be taking the children by coach. Children will need to pay for transport (unsure of cost)

Parents can buy tickets to watch £23 each. There may be a possibility of booking a larger coach so parents can travel with us to London. Alternatively a DVD will be available for £10.

# Choir Club and Young Voices

## 2019

Child's name: ..... Class: .....

Please tick as appropriate:

- I would like my child to attend choir every Friday at 3:30
- I will collect my child at 4:30
- My child will make their own way home (Year 6 only)
- My child would just like to be part of choir club
- I would like my child to be considered for the Young Voices Concert on February 1st at O2 Arena.
- I will be able to pay for the coach for my child (£ TBC)
- I may want to buy ADULT tickets. How many?
- I may want to use the school coach for transport.

Signed (parent/guardian) : .....

Date: .....