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Young Voices Concert O2 Arena – Wednesday 17th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are organising the final arrangements for this event. Please see the following key information for parents.

Tickets

All tickets ordered by parents have been sent to parent's email. You must download your tickets before the event. To do this please search your email for AXA Young Voices and accept your tickets.

Songs

For your information, the children will not be allowed to take the words into the Arena. Therefore, they need to know them by heart so please check that they do and encourage them to practice. There is also an opportunity for parents to join in with the concert. Please take a look at the Urban Strides Interactive dance tutorial for more information.

Charity

As in previous years, Young Voices will be collecting food tins to be distributed to the homeless of London. If you would like to contribute to this, please send your child in with a tin, which is taken from them on their arrival at the O2 Arena.

Arrival at the O2

For the concert, parents should try to arrive as early as possible. As well as having time to spot your child in the stands, the O2 has strict security in place that result in longer queues as we get closer to the concert start time. The concert will start at 19:00 (7pm) regardless of queues. Please do not bring large bags to the concert. Any bag larger than a laptop will have to be stored in the bag drop in car Park 1 at a charge of £10.

Uniform

O2 Arena t-shirts and mini torches will be handed out to the children on Wednesday morning. Children are expected to wear their t-shirts with black/grey trousers, leggings or skirts. They should also bring with them a school sweatshirt for both warmth and identification purposes (as you will appreciate there will be large numbers of children identically dressed). Please name these clearly, in case they are lost within the arena.

Food and Drink

Please supply your child with a substantial packed lunch, tea and a large bottle of water. Please place food in throw away bags (do not include cans, glass bottles or sweets). The children should not bring any money with them. It is helpful if EVERY child could have a small back pack (big enough for their food and sweatshirt when we are at the arena).

Medication

The school will be taking any medication that we already have for your child. Anything on top of this please bring in to the school office on Tuesday 16th January clearly labelled with times and amounts. *If your child requires a travel sickness tablet, please administer this in the morning.*

Mobile Phones

No mobiles should be brought to school on that day as the children are **not allowed** to take them to the O2.

Leaving and returning school

On the day, Wednesday 17th January 2024, children need to be at school at the normal time.

We expect to be back to school from 11.30pm onwards. **CHILDREN CAN ONLY COME HOME ON THE CHILDREN'S COACH.** We will update our visit and times via X (Twitter) throughout the day and after the concert. Invariably, leaving the O2 and the coach car park takes a considerable time and in the past, parents have been back in school long before the staff and children! Please rest assured that in the event of any problems with trains or traffic, we will wait with your child until you arrive to collect them.

ALL children are expected to attend school on Thursday 18th January. Children may arrive at 8.55am as normal however the Year 6 registers will remain open until 10.30 am should your child need a little more rest.

Yours sincerely,
Nicky Lloyd (Music Teacher)