



HOOKSTONE CHASE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Once again, we have arranged for our Year 5 and 6 children to sing at Sheffield Arena in the Young Voices concert on Monday 15th January 2018. We will be joining approximately 5000 children from different schools all over Yorkshire that night and will be accompanied by professional musicians and singers. Previous years have been amazing experiences and we are sure that the children will enjoy being involved again.

The children will eat their packed lunch at 11.30am and leave school at midday for a rehearsal in the afternoon and return to school at approximately 10:45pm. Although this will be a very long day, it is an experience the children will never forget!

Further details about Young Voices can be found on their website -

www.youngvoices.co.uk

The children will need to wear white T-shirts (no logos etc) but parents may purchase a Young Voices T-Shirt Pack at a cost of £12; these come with a tiny torch and charity wristband. The chosen charity for 2018 is Teenage Cancer Trust and 50p from each pack goes to the charity. Please note there is **no obligation** to wear an official T- shirt.

Pupils do not have to buy tickets, but we will be asking for a voluntary donation towards the cost of the coach. It is possible for parents to buy tickets and join us in the Arena on the evening. The ticket price is £19.50 and this has been set by the organisers.

Overleaf is the Itinerary for the day, additional information regarding the visit and a Permission form to be returned to school.

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We will leave school at 12:00noon and travel to Sheffield by coach, to arrive in time for registration from 1.30pm.

The timetable for the rest of the day is as follows:

2.15 – 5.00 pm: Rehearsal

5.00 – 6.00 pm: Tea break

6.00 pm: – return to designated seats in the arena

7.00 pm: – concert commences

9.15 pm: - concerts ends

All children must remain in their seats until the audience has dispersed and it will not be possible for parents to collect/speak to their children until their return to school. Our estimated arrival time back at school is approximately 10.45pm depending on traffic.

The children will need to bring a packed lunch and tea – no fizzy drinks or glass bottles please.

Dress

The children have been asked to wear either the official Young Voices T- shirt or a plain white T- shirt with dark trousers. Coats and bags will be stored under the children's seats in the arena.

If you would like to buy a T shirt, please complete the attached form and return to school with payment as soon as possible. Deadline **Friday 13th October. (Cheques payable to school)** Please note: T-Shirts cannot be paid for online.

(Please note that should the tiny torch which comes with the T-shirt not work, the school will not be able to get an exchange)

Tickets

If you would like tickets for the concert, please complete the attached form and return to school with payment as soon as possible. **(Cheques payable to school)**

Tickets can also be paid for on line via www.parentpay.com

The deadline for ticket requests via school is **Friday 13th October**. After this date, late orders will have to go through the main box office at Sheffield Arena at an increased cost.

Coach

To help cover the cost of coach hire for the day, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £6.50 per child. This can be paid online at www.parentpay.com

Please complete and return the **Permission Slip, which is required for the filming, and can be found on the bottom of the attached form by Friday 13th October. Even if you are not purchasing tickets or t-shirt, we need the form to be returned to school.** If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Ann Wheatcroft
Headteacher