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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 5 participation in Young Voices 2024

We are delighted and excited to inform you that, as part of our Year 5 music curriculum this year, we intend to take the children to **Young Voices 2024**, an amazing children's choir concert being held at the O2 Arena in London on **Monday 29th January 2024**.

Young Voices www.youngvoices.co.uk has been organising and hosting large-scale children's choir concerts since 1997, offering children from all over the country the chance to come together and sing songs that they have rehearsed in their schools to create an amazing sound and electric atmosphere.

In January, we will have the chance to join around 7,000 other children to perform a medley of fun and fantastic songs in front of an audience and it promises to be an unforgettable event. We took both Year 5 classes in January 2023 and many of them have since cited the concert as one of their highlights of the entire year!

Preparation

Throughout the Autumn Term, we will be rehearsing the songs (with dance moves!) in our scheduled music lessons, so that we are fully prepared for the event. We are very keen to take all children with us to the concert so they can enjoy this amazing experience.

On the day

We will travel to London by coach, leaving school at around 10.30am to give us time to rehearse with the full choir before the performance at 7pm. The concert will finish at 8.45pm and we hope to be back at school by approximately 11pm. Although this is a late night, we will give the children the chance to come into school a little later the following day to allow them extra sleep time.

Your child will need:

- a Young Voices T-shirt (please see below), comfortable trousers, shoes and a warm coat
- a small rucksack
- a packed lunch and a packed tea to keep them going during the day (no products containing nuts or fizzy drinks, please)
- a water bottle – refill stations are available at the O2.

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Cost

Child registration

The cost of this trip, including event registration, a Young Voices T-shirt and transport to and from the venue, will be **£42.65 per child**. We invite you to make a voluntary contribution towards this trip, which can be paid on-line via Scopay. Please make this payment by **Friday 22nd September 2023**. If you are unable to contribute for any reason, please speak to Mrs Buckley in confidence. Payment in Scopay will act as your consent for your child to attend.

We will order T-shirts in size 9-11 for your child. If you would like an alternative size for your child please email: admin2@stmarys-godalming.surrey.sch.uk

Please refer to chart below.

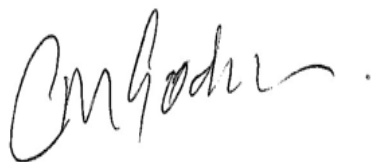
Age/ description	Chest Width (cms)	Length (cms)
Age 7-8	43cm	55cm
Age 9-11	46cm	60cm
Age 12-13	48.5cm	65cm

Audience tickets

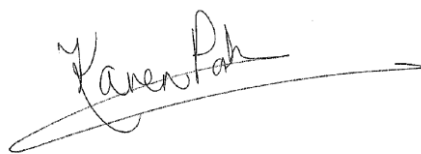
If you wish to see your child perform at this amazing event, it is possible to purchase audience tickets for £25 each on Scopay. The deadline for purchasing tickets is also Friday 22nd September. We will purchase tickets from Young Voices on your behalf so that all St Mary's friends and family can sit together in one place. Please note: you will need to make your own way to and from London as only the children and staff will be on coaches.

We will be in touch again closer to the time to confirm arrangements for the day but, in the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Chris Godwin
Music Teacher



Mrs Karen Porter
Year 5 Class Teacher

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