Monday 23rd September 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

It’s time for Young Voices again!

If you haven’t yet heard of it, Young Voices (.co.uk) is a series of huge choral performances in arenas across the country, with many choirs joining together - the total number at each concert is between 5,000 and 8,000 children. It’s a spectacular event. The choir will get to sing a variety of songs with professional singers and dancers; there are tickets available for parents and friends to come and listen too. Our concert is on **Tuesday 21st January 2020** at the **Genting Arena, Birmingham.**

The school is happy to cover the cost of the children attending the concert itself, but we do need to ask for payment to cover the cost of the coach to and from Birmingham. We are planning to book two coaches: one for children and staff, and one for parents. The exact cost of this hasn’t yet been calculated but we will let you know as soon as we have a clear idea of numbers.

It will be a long but exciting day: the children will leave school by coach at the end of the morning to arrive in Birmingham by 1.30pm. There will be a rehearsal in the afternoon for all the choirs together, followed by the performance, which is at 7.00pm – a packed lunch as well as packed tea will be required, with plenty of drinks. At 9.15pm we will return to Minchinhampton, arriving back at approximately 11.30pm.

The parents’ coach will leave school at around 4.00 p.m. and arrive at the Genting Arena by 6.45pm. Departure will be immediately after the concert and will arrive back at school at the same time as the children.

The price of the parents’ ticket is £20.00, in addition to the cost of the coach which will be calculated once we know the numbers of people on board. All parent bookings will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Due to the popularity of this event, initial requests for tickets will be limited to **2** per family (\*please see note attached). If you do miss out, unfortunately we will not be able to book further tickets, but you may be able to book directly yourselves, and we can supply details**. Please don’t send in money until we have the exact numbers.**

The children will need to wear a white t-shirt and black trousers for the concert. If you would like your child to have an event t-shirt, please also complete the **attached form** and return it to the school office together with the payment of £12.00. The price also includes a small torch, a wrist band and access to a secure online music room full of practise videos. Cheques should be made payable to Minchinhampton C of E Primary Academy.

Wearing a Young Voices T-shirt is not compulsory but most children wear them. They are of course allowed to wear a PLAIN white t-shirt if they do not want a Young Voices one. Please make sure that you have put clearly on the form the size(s) you require.

**Please complete and return the attached slip/s as soon as possible – no later than Friday 4th October – and see myself or come to the office if you have any queries.**

Many thanks

Mr J Weinberger