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## Dear Parent/Carer.

I am writing to you to tell you about an exciting opportunity that St Peter's choir will be taking part in.

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 we will be travelling to The Resorts World Arena, Birmingham to take part in the Young Voices event. Young Voices is a nationwide choir concert, one of the biggest in the world! It takes place every year with thousands of children taking part. As your child has joined choir club this year we would like to offer this incredible experience to them. To find out more about this amazing opportunity you can follow this link <a href="https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/">https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/</a>.

The school have paid the costs of our entry fee. We are going to be running some fundraising events (see below) to help with the costs associated with the event. An initial payment of £15 is required to purchase the Young Voices Choir T-Shirt and torch (this is optional). Unfortunately, we were unable to secure the same date as Almondsbury School this year and so cannot share the cost of the coach transport with them. This is why we have offered the option of parents sharing our transport by coach as detailed in our recent Google form. Therefore, we are unsure of a final amount but there will be an additional contribution to the costs required of around £10 per child towards the coach journey to and from the venue. We are working on fund raising and requesting donations to keep this as low as possible.

Parents tickets will be £23 each. If you would like to travel on the coach with us this will be an extra £15 per person (which is a subsidised amount to help parents). Please note that parking at the venue is currently priced at £13.

## We will:

- Leave school at 11:00 promptly
- Arrive in Birmingham for approximately 13:15
- Depart Birmingham at 21:30
- Arrive at St Peter's approximately 23:00

As we will be arriving very late back to school, Mr Smith has agreed that the children could arrive later to school the following morning if felt necessary for your child.

We have been invited to perform at Easter Compton Christmas Craft Fayre on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. The event takes place from 10:30-4pm, but we are hoping to do our performance at about **3pm**. This will be approximately half an hour where the children will perform some Christmas songs. We have been kindly given £50 from the organisers towards our trip and they have also given us the opportunity to receive bucket donations whilst we are there! This is a great opportunity for the children and will hopefully contribute significantly to our fundraising efforts. As this is on a Saturday, you will need to be responsible for transporting your child to the event and also remaining on site whilst they are performing. Both myself and Miss Wright will be in attendance to assist the children but will not be responsible for them on the day. There will be lots of lovely craft stalls and activities for children so should be a lovely family event!

In addition, our first fundraising event will be a cake sale on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**, please could your child bring in a contribution to this on the Tuesday morning and leave it with their class teacher. The cake sale will take place immediately after school. Additionally, we are going to do a practise performance on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November** from 2:45-3:20pm. Parents, wider family and governors will be invited and we will be kindly asking for a donation at the end of the performance.

We have set up a Young Voices school shop on our Arbor App. Please select the size of t-shirt your child will require (if you are purchasing one). There will also be an option for you to buy adult tickets to come along and watch your child perform and an option to travel on the school coach with the children (please note you will have to occupy your time until approximately 6pm whilst the rehearsals take place. There are plenty of shops & restaurants nearby). Please make your purchases on the Arbor school shop no later than Monday 6th November. Any parents of a pupil in receipt of benefit related free school meals, please contact the school office in confidence to discuss financial support.

On the school shop you will see the following options -

Young Voices child's t-shirt Small (7-8) - £15.00

Young Voices child's t-shirt Medium (9-11) - £15.00

Young Voices child's t-shirt Large (12-13) - £15.00

Young Voices no t-shirt - free

Young Voices adult ticket - £23.00

Young Voices adult coach ticket - £15.00

Please add all the options that you wish to purchase to your basket and pay online. If your child will be attending but you do not wish to purchase the t-shirt please make sure you still select the Young voices no t-shirt option.

Best wishes,

Mrs Grotzke Miss Wright

Year 6 Teachers Teaching Assistant