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Dear Parents /Carers,

Welcome to Young Voices! On the **22nd January 2018** our choir will join thousands of other children from the North-West of England, to perform at The Manchester Arena. It is lovely to see so many new children choosing to participate, and we also welcome back children who loved Young Voices last year and want to do it all again!

We have participated in this event for several years and it has always been a huge success. The children involved thoroughly enjoy the unique and exciting experience of singing with so many others, including professional singers. The whole experience also forms bonds between children at school and we have seen many children develop their confidence. It is especially lovely to see the Year 6 children share a final experience together before moving on to High School, and to see friendships develop between children in different year groups. You also, will be singing and dancing your way through the next few months with your child as they practise! We are very lucky to have our singing teacher Loraine to teach us all the songs, and Mrs Beavis, our parent helper, to show us all the moves!

Commitment of children and parents /carers

Obviously there needs to be a commitment from members of our choir to practise the songs and actions, in order to enjoy the experience fully. However, it is not compulsory to know all the words! The more they can join in, the more they will enjoy it!

The children will be brought to the KS2 entrance at the end of rehearsals for you to collect. Please indicate, in writing, if your child will be walking home alone, and please inform us if there is a change of person collecting your child. It can get very dark in the winter months at the end of rehearsals, so we may ask that you come to the door so we can sign your child directly over to you, ensuring our children remain safe. I appreciate this can be a slow and lengthy process, especially in bad weather, but the children's safety is our priority.

Arrangements and Costs

There are several deadlines fast approaching; these are for t-shirt orders, audience tickets and DVD purchases. Please find attached order forms to be returned by the deadlines given below.

Audience tickets are available (there is no limit on numbers) for family and friends of choir members, in advance of general ticket sales. If you require tickets to come and watch the performance, please complete the attached order form and return to school, with payment by **18th October 2017**. We send the ticket orders to Young Voices in one batch, and the sooner they receive it, the better the seats you are allocated. Therefore, this deadline must be met. If you are unable to meet this deadline, you are able to buy tickets on general sale (at a higher cost), but will not be allocated with others from our school. Audience members will have to make their own way to and from Manchester Arena.





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The choir will go to the performance as a group, on a bus from school and will return on the bus, so parents can collect them from school. Young Voices do not allow children to leave school groups to go home with audience members, as there are literally thousands of children and adults. It is important to note that it is an evening performance, so a late return to school.

T-shirts Young Voices produce T-shirts for choir members costing £10. They are not compulsory, but previously all members have worn them. Choir members who have taken part previously could wear YV T-shirts from previous years rather than buying new ones. The deadline to hand the T-shirt form with payment is **2nd November 2017**. Otherwise a white school shirt is required. The T-shirts come with a small torch to use at the concert and a charity wristband. We will hand out the t-shirts on the day of the concert to the children. Payment for the T-Shirt and audience tickets can be made using **cheque made payable to Shavington Primary School**.

Other than the optional T-shirt and audience ticket purchases, there is a DVD of the evening performance available to purchase. We will send out information regarding this at a later date. There is no further charge for your child to participate in this experience, though we are asked to donate a tin for charity on the day of the concert (details to follow).

Further Information

We have a section on the school website for Young Voices which will have further information regarding how to access songs, lyrics and dance moves. I shall also keep you up-to-date at rehearsals of deadlines and new information. The Young Voices website is also a useful source of information and resources for practising.

www.youngvoices.co.uk

I appreciate this letter contains a lot of information, but as deadlines are approaching I felt it was necessary to provide you with an outline of arrangements and requirements. Further details and reminders will be given closer to events, but please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Being a member of this choir can also provide other singing opportunities within school. Last year we sang at Shavington Academy and formed a choir with Springfield School to sing in the community. Letters will be sent out if there are similar opportunities this academic year.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information, complete the necessary forms and for supporting your child throughout this exciting opportunity. Happy singing!

Mrs J Mills
(Teaching Assistant)

