Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

3rd October 2023

YOUNG VOICES - UTILITA ARENA SHEFFIELD - TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2024

This year, we are delighted to once again provide the opportunity for children in Key Stage 2 to attend 'Young Voices' at the Utilita Arena, Sheffield.

What is Young Voices?

Young Voices is the largest children's choir in the UK! Each year, thousands of children learn songs and then perform them alongside a live band to a huge audience. Professional singers and dancers perform alongside them. It's hard work, with lots of songs and dance moves to learn, but it's also great fun!

The children will leave school at lunchtime to rehearse at the arena. They will have a packed tea and then will perform their concert in the evening. All children will travel back to school on the coach. Please note, children are not able to travel home with parents who are attending the event. There are thousands of children at the event and trying to meet up with parents is impossible after the concert finishes.

The children will arrive back at school around 10pm although it may be later depending on how long it takes us to exit the coach park! Staff will wait with any children who have parents also heading back from Sheffield who may be delayed.

What will it cost?

The cost of the trip is £10.00. If parents wish to watch the performance they will need to purchase additional tickets at £23.00 each. Young Voices t-shirts can be purchased for £15 or alternatively a plain white shirt may be worn. Young Voices t-shirts are optional. Children will also need to wear dark coloured trousers or leggings.

How does my child sign up?

If you would like your child to take part, please complete the form below. Please note **places are limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis**. Places are not confirmed until a payment of £10 has been made via SCOPay, this payment is confirmation of place.

If you would like to order Young Voices t shirts or parent tickets we would require payment and the attached forms competing before the items can be ordered. To make a payment SCOPay is set to accept overpayments. For any extras just overpay to the amount required.

The children will be given words and will need to learn them off by heart. The tracks can be found on Spotify (search for 'Young Voices Choir') and also on the Young Voices website where there are lyric videos to sing along with and dance videos (code to follow).

Please return the slip below as well as the attached t-shirt and ticket forms to school by **Friday 20th October** as the parent tickets do sell out quickly. All payments need to be made via your child's SCOPay account.

Mrs Mason

Headteacher

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I agree to my child taking part in Young Voices. I understand that my child needs to practise at home. I agree to allow videos and photographs to be taken by the organisers of the event and recognise that these may be used in promotional materials for Young Voices.

Name of child: Class .	
I have confirmed my child's place by paying £10 via SCOPay $\left[\right]$	(please tick)
Signed:	Carer) Date

The Headteacher is the designated person for all child protection issues