



The Mosley Academy

Newsletter

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Young Voices - Wednesday 25th January

The children will need to come to school at normal time in the morning dressed in their **school uniform**. We will give the children their Young Voices **t-shirt** on the day. The children have also been asked to bring one **tin** (e.g. soup, beans) to be collected at the arena. These tins will be used to help homeless charities around the country.

We will have an **early lunch** before we get on the coach and leave school at 12 noon. Children who normally have a school dinner will still be able to do so, in fact it might be a good idea for all the children to have a hot dinner before we leave as they will be having a packed lunch in the evening. Please let the office know if you would like your child to have a school dinner. The children will also need to bring a **packed lunch** for their tea, which they will have at the arena, and two bottled drinks. No fizzy drinks. The concert will start at **7pm**, (you will need to be there from approx. 6.00pm onwards) and it is due to finish at **9.15pm**. All of the schools will be asked to remain in their seats until the audience has dispersed at the end of the concert. For safety reasons we will then bring the children **back to school** on the coach, so all of the children can be collected from school. We will bring the children into the classrooms so that we can safely send the children home in the dark. Please collect your child from the classroom doors after the concert.

There is a **Young Voices APP**, which is free to download. You can use the Young Voices App to get information on the venue, parking, and egress. But most important of all parents can use the new **FIND MY CHILD** function that pin points where our choir is seated so you can spot us more easily! Go to www.youngvoicesapp.co.uk or the App Store / Google play.

As the children will be getting home late, they are allowed to come into school at **10.30am** (no later!) the following morning. Their siblings can also come in at this time. We understand that some parents will not be able to bring their children in late but we are giving everyone the option. Arrival at 10.30am on the Thursday will not affect their attendance figures. We will assume that children arriving late will have what they normally have for dinner.

World Book Day 2nd March 2017

A reminder that it is World Book Day (part of our 'Book Week') on Thursday the 2nd of March and we would like the children to dress up! The children can dress up as ANY book character, but it must be a book character please. The Book Aid website has some great suggestions for costumes. Go to <http://www.bookaid.org/get-involved/world-book-day/world-book-day-dress-up/> for ideas.

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Old Wellies and Coats

Do you have any old wellington boots and/or waterproof coats that you are thinking of getting rid of? If you are, we would love to use them in school! We are working towards becoming a 'Forest School', where the children do more outside learning and practical activities. If we have lots of wellies and coats we could take the children outside in any weather.

Stars of the Week (last week)

Class 1: Agatha Archer

Class 2: Esmee Lees

Class 3: Eva Godber

Class 4: Louis Sidwell

Class 5: Harvey Hall

Headteacher's Award: Ruby Robbins

Holidays during Term Time

As you will now be aware, we can no longer authorise any holidays during term time. This is a government directive and has been applied to all schools for a number of years. We can only authorise time out of school during term time for exceptional circumstances. A chance for a cheaper holiday unfortunately does not qualify as exceptional circumstances, and if parents can only go away during term time, this unfortunately does not count. Please remember, we are scrutinised by how we apply these rules so we are only doing what we are required by the government to do. We have noticed some people are still choosing to take their children away during term time despite the rules in place.

It is vital the children learn the importance of good attendance and punctuality at an early age, so they are more likely to have a good attitude to attending school and eventually their place of work. Children who arrive late for school or have low attendance usually continue to do so when they move onto secondary school. I hope you will share our commitment to improving attendance, and support our efforts in this important matter. Thank you.