



Dear Parents and carers,

We are excited to share that we are hoping to take a choir of 30 KS2 children to 'Voice in a Million' at the Wembley Arena, London on March 20th 2024. It is a fabulous opportunity for children to sing as part of a huge choir with children from across the country. The choir will consist of KS2 children who love to sing, and places in the choir will be offered on a first-come basis. There will be no auditions as we are an inclusive school and if more than 30 children would like to join in we will pull names from a hat to find our choir.

A little bit of information about the event:

Voice in a Million was set up in 2009; as a promoter of school / singing events, with an under-pinning message that raises awareness of the plight of children in care and the importance of Adoption and Fostering, both in the UK and worldwide.

In the words of Voice In A Million (VIAM) founders and adoptive parents, Robert and Jo Garofalo, *"Through the accessibility of music we aim to bring to the public's attention the importance of adoption and fostering children of all ages. Millions of children need 'forever homes' and we must never lose sight of this goal. Adoption is love to a child in care."*

Now celebrating its fifteenth year, Voice In A Million presents an opportunity of a lifetime for school children from all backgrounds throughout the UK to come together united in song and perform in front of their own family and friends and indeed members of the general public.

VIAM fully endorses not just the psychological benefits to children who are actively encouraged to participate in music-based activities, especially singing, but also the health benefits and the intrinsic feeling of belonging that a choir can bring to a child.

VIAM Events showcase some of the finest young singing talent around whilst enabling school children to participate in a once-in-a-lifetime celebration of singing together in front of thousands. All the children taking part receive tuition, encouragement and support.

Individually they are given the chance to shine and join our ever-growing 'Voice', knowing that their involvement makes a difference to the lives of children less fortunate than themselves. Through dedication, passion and the voice of our mass choir, Voice In A Million's message is growing and getting stronger every year.

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*'Pupils' behaviour and attitudes to learning are exemplary'
The rich, exciting and highly creative curriculum is a significant strength
of the school. This is a GOOD school.'*
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You can find out more about the project by visiting the VIAM website, and looking at video clips of past concerts on Youtube (an example is: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEgjm_LH-PQ)

At Bishop's Tachbrook, rehearsals will happen in school time, at lunchtimes and during some worship sessions, with some additional rehearsals after school nearer the time if needed. The song list is: Ain't No Stopping Us Now; Champion; Chosen Family; Don't You Worry; Get Back Up Again; Girl on Fire; On Top Of The World; Survivor; The Best; When God Made You; Winner; and Walk Me Home.

There will be a cost to join in, as coach travel to Wembley on the day will be approximately £35 per child. Every choir member will also need to purchase a 'Voice in a Million' t-shirt to feel part of the choir. These are £14.50 each. If your child receives Pupil Premium funding, please speak to school to discuss how school can support with costs for this event.

Parents are able to buy tickets to watch the event and there will be limited spaces on the coach if any parents would like to travel down and back with the choir – spending some time in Wembley while the children rehearse in the afternoon. If parents choose to travel it will reduce the cost for the children as we will take the total number of passengers to divide the travel costs. Parents are able drive down to the concert if they choose to for the evening concert, but will need to book a parking space in advance. The concert will mean a very late end to the day, with the children returning to the village from Wembley at nearly midnight, and the children will be allowed to come into school late the following day so that they can catch up on sleep!

If you would like your child to take part in the event, please complete the slip below so that we can begin rehearsals.

Kind regards,

Mrs C. Kilbey

Voice in a Million choir

My child _____ class _____ would like to be part of the Bishop's Tachbrook CE Primary School 'Voice in Million Choir'.

I give them permission to perform in Wembley Arena on 20th March 2024, and understand that they will return home very late from the performance that evening.

I understand that there will be a cost for travel and purchase of the VIAM T-Shirt for the performance.

We might be interested in reserving _____ additional seats on the coach to come and support the choir.

Signed; _____ (Parent/Carer)

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