

Dear LCC parents,

As you know, the choir is already taking part in a concert celebrating the discovery of Richard III including a premiere of a new choral piece. Originally we were just going to sing on our own and only the two older members of the choir were old enough to take part in the premiere. Today I have been asked to invite our younger singers to take part in the junior choir sections of the premiere. The piece is called The Shoemaker and the King and is was written by Philip Wilby who is a well known composer. The conductor they will be working under is Adrian Partington who was one of my conducting teachers at music college - he is Director of Music at Gloucester Cathedral among other prestigious positions. For the junior choir sections they will be singing alongside members of the LSMS junior choir from Leicester which is an excellent children's choir (I have been associated with this choir in the past for many years and they have always given brilliant performances).

I will teach the music for the relevant sections of The Shoemaker and the King to the children in our own rehearsals in addition to the main rehearsals below. We will still be performing 3 songs from Joseph and A Clare Benediction as LCC at this concert, so this would be in addition to that.

The rehearsals are as follows:

Sunday 29th June at Oakham School in Rutland: 2.15-5pm

Friday 11th July at Leicester Cathedral: 10am-3.15pm - there is a matinee performance at **2pm** (bring a packed lunch to have beforehand) then return at **5.40pm** for the evening concert at **6pm-7.45pm**.

The children need to have their uniform with them during the day so they can change into it for the matinee performance. Short sleeved white shirts/blouses are permitted as it may be quite hot.

Obviously the Friday rehearsal and performance means the children missing a day of school on the last day of term - it is entirely your decision whether you wish to do this or not, but rest assured this will be an extremely valuable educational experience. I will be providing a letter which you can show to the school to explain what the children will be doing during that day and why they need to miss a day of school.

It might be worth sorting out with other parents to share lifts to these

rehearsals. Unfortunately the other leaders and I are not allowed to organise this for you.

This is yet another amazing opportunity for LCC - please do not miss out on it! I do need to know numbers to feed back to Leicester-Shire Music Service who are organising the event, so **please return the permission slip I will provide tomorrow to myself, Joy or Malcolm asap!!**

Please check the calendar as I have updated it re next term - times may be approximate, but the dates are not!

Thank you - and sorry for the short notice, as I said I only found out today!!!
But I'm very excited about it nonetheless!

Best wishes,
Emma