

Dear Parents and carers,

### **Change to rehearsal start and finish time**

After half term we will have a change to the start and finish time for choir rehearsals. The rehearsals will start at 4.45pm and finish at 6.10pm. The first rehearsal this will affect will be 29<sup>th</sup> October and will be a permanent change from then on. The calendar has been modified to reflect this change. Please talk to Emma in advance if this will prove a problem and I'm sure we can come to an arrangement. We certainly don't want anyone to feel they have to leave the choir if they can't make it at 4.45pm. However if you have not informed us of any special circumstances in advance, then any lateness will unfortunately result in a deduction from choir pay as usual. The choir is already progressing at an impressive rate this term, and I hope that the increase in rehearsal time will lead to further improvement in our sound and musicianship.

### **'Sing Christmas' massed rehearsal**

This year, the choir will be taking part in 'Sing Christmas' at St Martin's House Grand Hall, broadcast live on BBC Radio Leicester. This is a very prestigious annual event which a good many people across Leicestershire listen to, often in churches, pubs, community centres, hospitals, care homes etc. with carols, readings, 'shout outs' to people listening. This year, in addition to the Leicester Cathedral Choristers, Loughborough Children's Choir and *DioSing! Loughborough* have been asked to sing on the broadcast (I will be conducting). With this in mind, I am calling a massed rehearsal on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 10am-12pm at All Saints to rehearse the carols for 'Sing Christmas' with the children from *DioSing! Loughborough*. If you want to be super organised (especially with younger children) we will be singing 'Leicestershire's 10 favourite

carols', so dig out your Christmas CD's early (or get youtube-ing) and familiarise your children with these please (its not bad luck – promise!):

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
O Little Town of Bethlehem  
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear  
Once in Royal David's City  
Away in a Manger  
While Shepherds Watched  
Good King Wenceslas  
Silent Night  
Joy to the World  
O Come All Ye Faithful

**The Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am for 10.30am until approx 12.00pm**

Its really important that you let me know ASAP if your child will NOT be attending the service on **Sunday 12th October**. This is particularly important because I'm going to make a seating plan for this service and it would be helpful to know how many seats we will need etc. Please make every effort to attend. The choir is sounding so impressive in rehearsals and we need everyone on board to really wow the congregation. Do think about staying for the service yourselves too. We'll be singing two amazing new pieces and they are sounding seriously good.

Please check the calendar to make sure you're up to date with everything! [loughchoir.co.uk/calendar](http://loughchoir.co.uk/calendar) and let me know ASAP if there's anything which your child will not be able to attend.

Thank you and best wishes,  
Emma