



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Outreach Cathedral Performances

25th May 2023

Dear Parents,

As you are probably already aware, Year 4 and 5 have been taking part in the Outreach programme, where we have weekly singing sessions with Outreach Leader, Ed Taylor, in preparation for two final performances at Carlisle Cathedral. We know that lots of you will be eager to hear of the details, including how you can purchase tickets for the performances. Please retain a copy of this letter for the details below:

Tuesday 6th June:

On this date, the children will be attending a singing workshop and rehearsal at Carlisle Cathedral, led by Ed Taylor. This is to allow the children the experience of singing in the cathedral itself and to sing alongside the other participating schools, prior to the performance days. We will leave school by coach at 8:45am and will leave the cathedral at 11:30am. Children are welcome to arrive at school from 8:35am. **We will need all children in their classrooms no later than 8:40am**, ready for register and to set off on the bus promptly at 8:45am. Staff from school will accompany the children.

Tuesday 4th July

On Tuesday 4th July, the children will participate in their first evening performance at Carlisle Cathedral. We will leave school around 1:45pm and will stay at the cathedral for the rest of the day until the end of the concert. Because of this, **children will need to bring a packed tea to school** (including an extra drink or their water bottle), additional to their usual lunch arrangements. **The concert begins at 6:45pm**, with doors open for seating from 6:30pm. **The concert is expected to end at 8pm**. The children will need to collect their belongings from the holding area with staff and can then be **collected from outside of the Fraternity/ cathedral café**. Please ensure a staff member from school has seen you collect your child before you leave with them.

Thursday 6th July: Public Performance.

For the children's second, and final, evening performance at Carlisle Cathedral, **High Hesket staff will meet the children outside the entrance of the cathedral at 6:00pm**. This will require the children to have their own transport arrangements from home. If you need our support with this, please let us know and we can help, where possible. It is important that children arrive promptly at 6:00pm so that they have time to use the toilet, receive instructions, participate in a short rehearsal and settle into their performance places prior to the start of the concert. **This concert begins at 7:00pm and is expected to end at 8:15pm**. **Collection will be from outside of the fraternity/ cathedral café**, as per the previous performance.

Please can children wear their full school uniform, including black shoes, for both cathedral performances. Photographs will be taken by professional photographer and will be made available to participating schools and the cathedral. The photographs will not include names. **Please let us know as soon as possible if you wish for your child not to have their photograph taken at this event.**

Tickets for both performances will be available to purchase from the Carlisle Cathedral website (not from the school office, as in previous years) and we have been told that we will receive a link to send to you 2 weeks before they go on sale to the general public. Tickets prices will differ, depending on seating location. There is no limit to how many tickets are available per family and **they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.**

The children have been working extremely hard during their practice sessions and we can't wait to showcase this for you, alongside the other schools and the cathedral choir.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher, using their email address (below) or the school telephone number.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

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