

26th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

***Noye's Fludde* Saturday 11th November 2023 at 7.30pm**

Chadsmead Primary Academy are delighted to be working with MusicShare this term as part of our music curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities. MusicShare is a singing programme, which is a partnership between Lichfield Cathedral School and Lichfield Cathedral, and it is celebrating its 20th anniversary in November. To mark the occasion, we are one of several local schools involved in a performance of a community opera based on the story of Noah's Flood, called *Noye's Fludde* written by the British twentieth-century composer, Benjamin Britten.

The opera brings together professional and amateur musicians and will give hundreds of children the opportunity to perform on the same large-scale stage, with full lighting and sound rig, as used by international artists during the Lichfield Festival, in Lichfield Cathedral.

Most of the preparation and rehearsals are taking place during school time this term, but there are some practical arrangements for you to note.

For their costume, children will need a show t-shirt which will cost £8.50. It is a custom-printed 100% cotton t-shirt which will have the *Noye's Fludde* logo printed in full colour on the front. It can be ordered using the form overleaf, it can be paid for either with cash or card payment at the school office, please note your child will need to wear it on the day of the performance. The rest of the costume is black (or dark) leggings or trousers and black (or very dark) shoes or unbranded trainers. They will also have an animal mask, which they will make in school, which they will have to bring for the dress rehearsal and performance.

On Saturday 11th November, your child will need to be brought to the Cathedral between 1.00pm and 1.15pm. They should come to the North Transept (this is the left-hand side of the Cathedral as you look at it from the front, or the far side if you are walking from town) where they will be met by a member of staff from school. Vehicles are not allowed in The Close, so you will need to park and walk to drop off your child. They will then need to be collected from the same place at the Cathedral after the dress rehearsal at 4.30pm.

Children will then need to be dropped off in time for the performance between 6.40pm and 6.50pm at the same door. Again, vehicles are not allowed in The Close.

For the dress rehearsal, children will need a snack and water (no fizzy drinks) in a named bottle. They should not bring any other bags or luggage with them, as there is nowhere to store it in the Cathedral.

The performance starts at 7.30pm and ticketed entry for the audience is on the opposite side of the Cathedral.

After the performance, there will be an announcement about where your child will be dismissed from in the building; they will be dismissed to you by a member of school staff.

Tickets for the performances are now on sale through the Cathedral's Box Office at <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/46413>. There is numbered seating in the Cathedral, along with some unreserved seating, and adult tickets cost £10-£15, and children (under-16) cost £5-£10. There may be tickets available on the night of the performance, but please book tickets in advance to avoid disappointment, as there are a lot of children involved.

To ensure that all of the audience can see the action, there will be a video relay to screens around the Cathedral during the performance. This also means that it will be possible to buy a copy of the performance on a USB memory stick. These will be a fantastic memento of your child's involvement in the performance at the Cathedral, and – as it's never too early to plan for Christmas! – it would be great for family who cannot make the show. Each USB copy of the performance will cost £14, and for licensing and copyright reasons, these need to be pre-ordered by Friday 20th October using the form overleaf and either payment of cash or card via the school office.

During one of the rehearsals in school, we will be having a professional photographer in school to take individual headshots of all the children wearing their show t-shirt and mask who are taking part in the performance. These, and live 'action' photos from the final dress rehearsal in the Cathedral, will be on sale directly from the photographer in the Cathedral before and after the show.

For all of this to happen, we need your consent for your child's involvement. Because of the involvement of everyone on stage, consent needs to be granted to cover the following:

- Permission to perform in a performance of *Noye's Fludde* in Lichfield Cathedral
- Pupil's full name to be printed in programme to show their involvement
- Professional headshot and photographs during the rehearsal to be taken (rehearsal photographs may be used in future MusicShare publicity and social media posts)
- Professional video recording during the performance (clips of the performance may be used in future MusicShare publicity and social media posts)

Please complete the enclosed form and return it to the school office by Thursday 28th September.

We hope that as many of our Year 5 & 6 pupils as possible are able to take part in this amazing opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

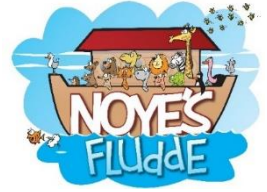
Mrs J Miles

Music Lead

Consent and Order Form for

Noye's Fludde

Saturday 11th November at Lichfield Cathedral



Pupil Name: _____

Class: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Contact Number: _____

Show T-shirt Order (please tick size) at £8.50

Children's T-shirt Sizing					
Age	5-6	7-8	9-11	12-13	14-15
Chest Size	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"
Tick Size Required					

Number of USB Memory Stick Recordings at £14.00: _____

T-shirt and USB payments need to be made either by cash or card at the school office.

I consent for my child to

- perform in a performance of *Noye's Fludde* in Lichfield Cathedral
- have their full name to be printed in programme to show their involvement
- have a professional headshot taken, along with photographs during the rehearsal to be taken (rehearsal photographs may be used in future MusicShare publicity and social media posts)
- be visible in the video recording during the performance (clips of the performance may be used in future MusicShare publicity and social media posts)

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____