



Re: Peter and the wolf

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing with some exciting news! Year 5 have been invited to attend a performance of '**Peter and the Wolf**' on **Friday 4th February 2022 at 1pm at the Charles Cryer Theatre** in Carshalton. This is a funded performance so children will not be charged for the event. This is an amazing opportunity to listen to a well known and loved symphonic fairy tale for children and to attend a theatre production. Only children from year 5 Barrow Hedges will be in attendance for this performance.

Sergei Prokofiev wrote the story and composed the music for 'Peter and the Wolf' in 1936. It was written in two weeks for a children's theatre in Moscow. He wrote it as a children's introduction to the orchestra with each character being represented by an instrument or group of instruments. Peter and the Wolf was an immediate success and continues to be enjoyed today by children all over the world.

This wonderful production will be performed by our amazing music specialists Elizabeth Andrews and David Brooker, who lead our wider opportunities string tuition in Year 4. This is a fantastic chance to see our professional musicians in action! They are absolutely thrilled to be able to provide this for the children that they have taught.

Children will walk down to the Charles Cryer theatre after lunch on Friday the 4th February, to arrive at 1pm. They will then return at 2pm following the performance so that they are back for school for their usual home time. This should not affect lunches or collection.

A brief outline of the story:

The story is about a boy named Peter who lives with his grandfather. His Grandfather does not want Peter going out of their garden because there are wolves around. One day Peter goes out the garden gate and sees a duck swimming in a nearby pond. The duck is arguing with a little bird. Peter sees a cat approaching and warns the little bird who flies up into a tree.

Just then, Peter's grandfather comes outside and scolds Peter for going out of the garden. They go back into the garden and Grandfather locks the gate. Soon a wolf does appear from the woods. The cat climbs a tree to escape the wolf, but the duck is swallowed by the hungry wolf. Peter gets



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a rope and climbs over the garden wall into a tree. The bird distracts the wolf by flying over his head while Peter lowers a noose and catches the wolf by his tail.

Hunters then come out of the woods and fire at the wolf but Peter stops them. They all bring the wolf to the zoo and at the end, the duck can be heard quacking in the wolf's stomach.

I hope that you and your children are as excited as I am about this wonderful opportunity. I am certain they will have a fantastic time and will come away with some wonderful memories and a greater appreciation of classical music.

Thank you

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