

Good afternoon,

I am writing to you and your students to thank you all for your participation in the 20,000 Doves project. We have had an overwhelmingly positive response, which has meant that over 70 schools from across Staffordshire, Stoke, Shropshire and the West Midlands have participated in the project. The responses we have received have all been wonderful; both the colour and drawings and the touching messages, thoughts and prayers about peace. Around 20,000 children, of all ages, have added their decorations and messages of peace to the paper doves, which are not on display in Lichfield Cathedral.

Peter Walker, Lichfield Cathedral's Artist in Residence who created the project, said of the responses "We are extremely grateful for your hard work and look forward to welcoming everyone to see their doves at the cathedral this advent."

The Very Revd Adrian Dorber, Dean of Lichfield, said "The messages you have written about peace have been extraordinarily thoughtful and moving, and all of us at the Cathedral are thankful that all of you have put so much effort into making these wonderful doves."

The doves will be on display in the Cathedral from Tuesday 27th November until Saturday 5th January. We invite every child and teacher and their family and friends to come along to the Cathedral to see their doves on display - please do publicise the doves in your notices to parents, you would also be welcome to include the attached poster (The Cathedral Illuminated) as well.



The doves will also be on display as part of 'The Cathedral Illuminated'. This spectacular light and sound installation will be taking place from 17th-22nd December (excluding 19th December) at Lichfield Cathedral.

Entry is ticket only and available every 15 minute from 6.30pm. Ticket times are for entry to the event and allow visitors time to enjoy the illuminations at their own pace Tickets will be £6 per adult, £4 per child (under 16) £15 per family tickets (2 adults / 2 children) in advance and £7.50 for all tickets on the night (subject to availability) Under 3's are free.

Thank you so much, again, for all the hard work of your schools and your students.

With very best wishes to you all,  
Alex

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