

6th September 2019

Dear Parents

Music Tuition 2019 – 2020

For the 2019/20 academic year we are offering KS2 children peripatetic music lessons for the flute, clarinet, guitar, recorder and the piano. These lessons are taught by external music teachers and the duration and cost of the lessons is detailed below.

Children will be taught a total of 30 lessons over the academic year. These lessons will take place on the same afternoon each week. The lessons approximately follow the school term dates, 10 lessons between September and Christmas, 10 between January and Easter and 10 between May and July.

Payment for the lessons is made the school and you will be invoiced three times a year. Your child will need to provide their own instrument however most instruments are available for hire through Gloucestershire County Council. Hire forms can be collected from the School Office.

At the end of each group of 10 lessons the children will be asked if they want to continue. If they chose not to at this point no further notice is required. If a child decides part way through a series of 10 lessons that they no longer want to continue you will be invoiced for the full 10 lessons within that group.

If your child is off school ill on the day of a music lesson you will still be charged. Where possible the music teacher will try to give them a longer lesson the following week. However, this cannot be guaranteed. If a lesson is cancelled in the event of a class trip taking place on the same day, the teacher will try to fit an extra lesson in during the year. In the unusual event that this is not possible, a credit will be made to you.

Details of the specific instruments and lessons on offer are given below.

If your child is interested in learning to play a musical instrument please complete the relevant slip at the bottom of this letter and return it to the school office asap.

Flute/Clarinet Tuition

Mrs Stephens-Hudd will teach flute/clarinet lessons on a Tuesday afternoon. These lessons are available to children in Year 4, 5 and 6. Mrs Stephens-Hudd will teach children in individual, 10 minute, lessons at a cost of £5 per lesson. Therefore, the cost per group of 10 lessons will be £50. If your child doesn't have their own flute/clarinet one can be hired from Gloucestershire County Council at a cost of approximately £28 per term (10 lessons). Please contact the School Office for a hire form.

Recorder Tuition

Mrs Stephens-Hudd will teach recorder lessons on a Tuesday afternoon. These lessons are available to children in Years 3 to 6. Mrs Stephens-Hudd will teach children in individual, 10 minute, lessons at a cost of £5 per lesson. Therefore the cost per group of 10 lessons will be £50. Your child will need their own recorder and a recorder lesson book (which costs around £4.00).

Guitar Tuition (acoustic/electric)

Mr Hopkins teaches guitar lessons on a Tuesday afternoon. These lessons are available for children in Years 4, 5 and 6. He will advise on what size guitar is best for your child as this will depend upon his or her hand span. If your child doesn't have their own guitar one can be hired from Gloucestershire County Council at a cost of £11.60 per term (10 lessons). Please contact the School Office for a hire form.

Mr Hopkins will teach children in pairs (grouped by their ability) for a 20 minute lesson costing £5 per lesson. If he is not able to pair your child with someone of a similar ability they will receive a 10 minute individual lesson again at a cost of £5 per lesson. Therefore, the cost per group of 10 lessons will be £50.

Piano Tuition

Mr Adkins is the piano teacher and he teaches on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. These lessons are available to children in Years 3 to 6. Your child will need a piano to practice on at home.

Your child can either have an individual 10 minute lesson costing £5 a lesson (£50 per group of 10 lessons) or an individual 20 minute lesson which will cost £10 per lesson (£100 per group of 10 lessons).

Free Instrument Hire

If you are in receipt of either income support, or income based job seekers allowance, or child tax credit where the child tax credit added to your total annual income is below £16,190 you may be entitled to the free use of an instrument. Evidence will be required of this either by confirmation from Shire Hall that your child has been granted free school meals, or a photocopy of the Inland Revenue form which begins TC60--. Please ask at the school office for the relevant forms to apply for free instrument hire.

Unfortunately, Gloucestershire County Council no longer provides bursaries to help towards the cost of lessons.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J. Woolley

Headteacher

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Music Tuition Lessons 2019 - 2020

My childClass.....Year.....

Please delete as appropriate.

- Had music lessons last year for Guitar, Recorder, Clarinet, Flute, Piano (* please circle appropriate instrument) and would like to continue their lessons next year.
- Would like a taster lesson for the Guitar, Recorder, Clarinet, Flute, Piano (* please circle appropriate instrument)

If opting for piano lessons please circle the length of lesson you would like your child to have:

Ten minute individual lesson each week costing £5 per lesson

Twenty minute individual lesson each week costing £10 per lesson

Signed(Parent/Carer)