



HAGLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Head Teacher: Mrs Vanessa Payne BA NPQH

"Believe, Achieve, Together we Succeed"

16th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a year where music has been neglected to say the least, I am pleased to inform you that we are trying to make up for it next academic year!

In previous years, our Year 3 pupils have had weekly recorder lessons; they have been very successful and children have very much enjoyed this introduction to learning an instrument. As Covid restrictions should be relaxed by September, these lessons will be able to take place from next term for Year 3 (**currently Year 2**) pupils. However, we are also very conscious of the fact that our current Year 3 children have been unable to benefit from this experience during the past year, so to this end we are also proposing to run lessons from September 2021 for Year 4 pupils (**currently Year 3**).

Lessons will be provided on a weekly basis by an instrumental teacher from Severn Arts, who will teach each class for 30 minutes. Lessons aim to teach rhythm, music notation and playing by ear skills, in addition to helping Year 3 pupils (and you, as parents and carers) to decide whether they might like to learn another instrument once in Year 4. Lessons are whole class and will hopefully culminate in an end of year performance.

Recorders can be provided by school as a last resort, but it is much better if children have their own, which they can bring to school and then take home to practise. There are many reasonably priced recorders available on Amazon or in the Stourbridge Music Centre; you should be looking for a soprano/descant one.

We are extremely grateful to our PTA, who have kindly agreed to subsidise not only the Year 3 but also the Year 4 recorder lessons. This means that the cost of £23 per child is reduced to just £11.50 per child for the whole of next academic year. This represents fantastic value and we are very lucky to have such a supportive PTA.

Payments of £11.50 should be made via the Parent Pay website by Friday 10th September. We would like to make it clear that this contribution is entirely voluntary, and there is no obligation for you to submit this payment; however, should we be unable to cover the full cost, insufficient funds may result in the lessons being unable to go ahead. If we have already received donations prior to cancellation, please be assured that these will be refunded to parents in full. We would also like to inform you that, should you decide not to make a contribution, neither you nor your child will be treated any differently from those who have paid, and your child's opportunity to learn will not be withdrawn as a result of lack of payment.

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All donations are greatly appreciated and mean that if we can cover the full cost, we will be able to enhance your child's learning in a way that we believe to be most beneficial.

I do hope your child will enjoy taking part in these music lessons and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Kate Cheyney (Music and Performing Arts Co-Ordinator)