INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL TUITION, 2019/2020
WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO RECEIVE INSTRUMENTAL/VOCAL LESSONS?

What instruments can pupils learn?
We are pleased to offer the following tuition, subject to sufficient demand:
Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6: Drums, Guitar, Ukulele, Voice
In addition, pupils in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 can learn Banjo, Brass, Mandolin, Piano, Recorder, Violin & Music Theory. These sessions are offered by EduBox** under the tutelage of Gethin Compton.

Pupils in Years R – 6 can join Rock Steady** (Rock and Pop Band) sessions where they will learn their favourite songs in a ½ hour weekly band practice. Children choose from drums, guitar, keyboard or vocals.

Year 3 pupils receive some whole class recorder tuition; this is continued and built upon in Year 4. However, whole class lessons will not give the same depth of learning as individual or small group instrumental tuition.

** PLEASE NOTE: EduBox and Rock Steady sessions are booked directly with the provider; they set their own charging structures ~ please see their separate flyers for more information.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RELATES TO DRUM, GUITAR, UKULELE AND VOICE TUITION

Who teaches the lessons?
Simon Mellish is our Drum tutor. Simon also leads our Samba Club.
Samba Club takes place on a Thursday at 08.25 – 08.55 at a cost of £1 per week, payable termly in advance.
Please book via Clubs/Activities option on Wisepay.
Kristian Dluzewski is our teacher for guitar (acoustic, bass, electric), ukulele and voice.

Please note all lessons are offered subject to sufficient pupil numbers and the availability of the teacher.

Who can apply?
Pupils who will be in Year 2 and above are invited to join the instrumental tuition programme on the strict condition they wish to learn to play the instrument and will practise regularly each day. Pupils will be accepted onto the programme (subject to sufficient pupil numbers) without the need for a formal assessment.

How are the lessons organised?
We offer individual and, numbers permitting, group tuition (maximum of 3 pupils per group). Pupils receive up to 30 instrumental lessons a year, depending on when they join the programme. There are usually more lessons timetabled for the Autumn and Spring terms than for the Summer due to SATS/school trips which take place during the Summer term. Individual lessons, and those for groups of 2 pupils, will be 20 minutes in duration. Groups of 3 pupils will receive 30 minutes’ tuition. Pupils wishing to have a longer individual lesson or learn 2 instruments with the same teacher (eg guitar and voice) may opt to receive 30 minutes’ individual tuition (15 mins per instrument if 2 instruments).

Lessons are timetabled during the school day. Please note that pupils may miss part of a core curriculum lesson and/or break time / lunch time in order to attend instrumental or vocal tuition.

How much do lessons cost?
The charge for instrumental lessons for the 2019/2020 academic year is unchanged at:

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Indicative costs for the 2019/2020 academic year. Individual tuition fees are payable termly in advance via WisePay. However, as your child may have missed some of the scheduled lessons, please do not make any payment at this stage. The School Office will advise you of the amounts owing and the relevant payment dates when your child is accepted onto the programme.

When is payment due?

Tuition fees are payable termly in advance via WisePay. However, as your child may have missed some of the scheduled lessons, please do not make any payment at this stage. The School Office will advise you of the amounts owing and the relevant payment dates when your child is accepted onto the programme.

Payment can only be made via WisePay using the link from our school website or from Marvellous Me. Please do not ‘Google’ WisePay, as this will not give you access to the secure payments’ site. The School is unable to accept cheques/cash for instrumental tuition.

Instrumental teachers are booked in advance, therefore if you wish to withdraw your child from the programme you must give half a term’s notice, in writing, or you will be liable for the following term’s payment. Please see ‘Withdrawal from tuition’ overleaf.
Reminders that payments are due will be printed in the school newsletters and sent via email; individual reminder letters will not be issued. Instrumental teachers are booked in advance, therefore if you wish to withdraw your child from the programme you must give half a term’s notice, in writing, or you will be liable for the following term’s payment. Please see ‘Withdrawal from tuition’ overleaf.

Refunds for missed lessons will only happen in the case of this school being closed for an unforeseen emergency or if the instrumental teacher is not in attendance and the missed lesson is unable to be rescheduled. A refund/extra tuition is not offered in respect of any lesson missed due to pupil illness, pupil holiday and/or pupil appointments etc.

Are there any other costs?
It will be necessary for you to meet the cost of purchasing/hiring a suitable instrument. The music teacher will be pleased to offer advice if required.

Additional costs include payments for music/practice books and entry fees for music exams/medals.

Is financial help available?
This school’s Board of Directors, recognising the benefits of the instrumental teaching programme, offers a facility where the termly fee can be reduced in exceptional circumstances. Parents experiencing serious financial difficulty are asked to apply in writing to Mr Peter Herbert and the Board of Directors. Any subsidy offered will apply to group tuition in one instrument only and will be reviewed each term.

How do I apply for my child to join the instrumental/vocal tuition waiting list?
Please complete the Application Form/Instrumental Contract overleaf and return it to the School Office. Please do not pay any money at this stage. Your child’s name will be added to the ‘waiting list’; the School Office will contact you when a vacancy arises in the programme.

What happens next?
Please note lessons are offered subject to sufficient pupil numbers and teacher availability: if it is not possible to offer tuition to your child we will contact you.

An email advising the dates of the instrumental lessons will be issued following acceptance on to the programme and receipt of the relevant payment.

Withdrawal from the tuition programme
Should you wish to withdraw your child from the tuition scheme, written notice is required before the next payment date (ie minimum of half a term’s notice). If such notice is not given you will be liable for the following term’s payment. This is because the school books instrumental teachers half a term in advance.

Can I accompany my child to the tuition?
You are most welcome to accompany your child to instrumental/vocal lessons if you so wish. This should be arranged in advance with the music teacher.

How do I know what my child should practise?
Please provide an A4 notebook in which the instrumental teacher can keep you informed about your child’s progress and advise on the music that he/she should practise. This book will also act as a useful home-school link for you to record messages for the instrumental teacher and for the teacher to communicate with you. There are few copies remaining of ‘My Practice Book’ ~ these are available from the School Office at a cost of £2 each.

It would be useful for your contact details to be shared with the instrumental teacher so that he/she can contact you direct if necessary. Please indicate on the Application Form/Tuition Contract whether you give consent for your contact details to be shared in this way.

Any other questions? If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

Encs: Flyers from Edubox and RockSteady
INSTRUMENTAL TUITION PROGRAMME, 2019/2020
APPLICATION FORM & TUITION CONTRACT
Please return form to school at the earliest opportunity ~
do not pay any money at this stage

Please complete a separate form for each child and for each instrument
unless opting for 30 minute, 2 instrument tuition with the same teacher

Pupil’s Name ........................................................................................................... Current Class ......................

Instrument: Drums / Guitar / Ukulele / Voice  Instrumental Teacher: Mr Dluzewski / Mr Mellish

INDIVIDUAL 20 min* / INDIVIDUAL 30 min* / GROUP* tuition
* Please delete as appropriate ~ group tuition is offered subject to sufficient numbers

My child has previously received tuition in this instrument  YES/NO

Was this tuition at Moordown St John’s?  YES/NO

If ’NO’, please indicate the standard reached ..........................................................

Please detail any other instruments played and the standard reached ..........................................................

Is your child looked after by a local authority? (As per Section 22(I) of the Children Act 1989)  YES/NO

In registering for this programme the School, along with the instrumental/vocal teacher, requires your undertaking to ensure that:

1. You purchase/hire a suitable musical instrument. You purchase music books as the instrumental teacher directs.
2. Your child brings their instrument to school on the appropriate days (the School has a set of drums).
3. Your child practises their musical instrument/singing for an agreed time each day. The instrumental teacher will detail the pieces to practice in the notebook (see point 5).
4. You provide a notebook (preferably A4) in which the pieces to practise will be recorded.
5. Depending on when your child joins the programme, the payment dates are as follows:
   * Autumn Term due upon acceptance to programme.
   * Spring Term due upon acceptance to the programme or by Friday 18 October 2019 (whichever is later)
   * Summer Term due upon acceptance to programme or by Friday 7 February 2020 (whichever is later)
   Reminders that the termly payment is due will be printed in the newsletter and sent by email.

PLEASE NOTE: FAILURE TO PAY BY THE REQUIRED DATE MAY RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF THE TEACHING CONTRACT.

Should you wish to terminate this contract, the school will require written notification from you before the next payment date (ie minimum of half a term) otherwise you will be liable for the following term’s payment.

I wish to register my child for the 2019 / 2020 instrumental tuition programme.  YES / NO

I agree to meet the conditions laid out above.  YES / NO

I understand that my child may miss part of a core curriculum lesson, break time and/or lunch time in order to attend instrumental tuition.  YES / NO

I give consent for my contact details to be shared with the instrumental teacher  YES / NO

Signed .............................................................................................................. Parent/Carer  Date .........................

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Nicky in the School Office.