



Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## **Music at Osbalwick - September come back!**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to get in touch before the start of next term to give you an update on Music in September after 4 terms of COVID disruption. We are excited about it! We are letting you know now for planning reasons. Mr Brown - along with all the staff and governors- continue to give the subject the wonderful leadership support to ensure an amazing offering for your children.

It is going to take some time to get music back to where it was and myself and the rest of the excellent music team would appreciate any support you can give us. If possible, this includes:

- \* Enrolling your child in instrumental lessons (Year 2 onwards)
- \* Joining the choir (Year 3 onwards)
- \* Joining the orchestra (members must have been playing an instrument for a year or have basic skills)

All children will continue to get a weekly specialist led classroom music lesson and a 30-minute singing assembly.

### **What's on offer?**

#### **CHOIR IS BACK -**

**New time of Tuesday after school 3.15pm till 4.15pm** (Years 3 to 6) - Mrs Marshall

If your child is in Years 3 to 6 then please do look at enrolling them into choir. It's just £2 per week. We will be preparing a Christmas concert which will hopefully take place live (depending on how things progress with COVID). There are some wonderful new songs we are very excited to introduce to the children with a whole range of favourites from Music Theatre (Matilda and the Lion King) and Popular Music plus Osbalwick favourites like Love Shone Down and I'm Still Singing. We will aim to bring Year 2 back into choir but are restricting numbers in the short term. Please bear with us, as we move out of COVID.

#### **ORCHESTRA IS BACK -**

**Monday after school - 3.15 till 4.15pm** - Mrs Martin

Several children from the orchestra have either left the school or stopped learning their instrument. PLEASE if your child is learning an instrument in a small group or one to one, do send them along. We take all instruments except piano/keyboard or electric guitar. Acoustic guitar and ukulele are welcome. **It's just £2 per week.**

#### **INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS**

If you want your child to have lessons, please email the school office about this marking it '**Music enquiry**' and Mrs Marshall will get back in touch personally. Lessons are available in: Violin, Viola, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Cornet/Trumpet, Trombone, piano, guitar, ukulele. If the instrument isn't listed here, get in touch anyway and we will see if we can

source a teacher to come into school. Lessons start at just £4.50 a lesson from Miss Crawford on the violin. Maximum costs are £15 a week for a 30-minute individual lessons. PLEASE seriously consider enrolling your child, especially for an instrument that can be played in the orchestra. There are bursaries available for children that qualify. Speak to Mrs Bryan Smith who will liaise with Mr Brown and Mrs Marshall. A booklet will be available summarising all the details too before the end of term.

The whole music team is excited about getting back to making lots of wonderful music at Osbaldwick Primary Academy once again!

Thank you for the time you've spent reading this.

Please also find on your child's Seesaw a list of songs (with You Tube links) that the children previously did in school. They may want to listen to some of these in the holidays to remind them, ready for singing assemblies starting in school again for ALL children in September

Warmest wishes and have a good holiday  
Karen Marshall  
Music Specialist

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