

Dear parent/carer

Music Club

I'm writing to ask for your support for an exciting new club the school hopes to run in the future.

As many of you will be aware, piano lessons are offered in school every Wednesday, run on a private basis by Katie Ethelstone, a parent and local piano teacher. Mrs Ethelstone has now volunteered to look at how we can set up a music club in school, to give more pupils the opportunity to learn more about music and have fun making music together.

In the absence of funding available for the project, the club is likely to rely on fundraising and donations of equipment and materials. This is where we are hoping you can help.

Donating Instruments

If you have an instrument that's in good working order but isn't being used at home, please consider donating it to the school. In particular, 'pick up and play' instruments such as recorders, percussion instruments and keyboards (instruments rather than toys, please) would be very useful and much appreciated. Once all equipment has been collated we will be able to plan the club and update parents on arrangements. If you think there is any other way you can help, please let us know, it will be much appreciated.

KS2 Music Champions

While equipment is being sourced for the club, Mrs Ethelstone will straight away enlist the help of those in KS2 who love music and want to make more of it. This informal group will meet 12:30-1pm on Wednesday lunch times (participants will have lunch earlier than usual on Wednesdays), starting from 7th February. They will form their own band, perform during the Summer term, and help with ideas and fundraising... all with one main purpose - to champion music making at Misson!

If your child is in KS2 and wants to be involved, please return the form below to the school office as soon as possible, preferably by Friday 2nd February.

Participants could either already play an instrument or simply be willing to have a go at singing, playing percussion and fundraising. For the Year 6 musicians, it's a great chance to perform and help to shape things for younger ones at the school, before they embark on their secondary school journeys.

Over the last couple of years Misson pupils have shown great enthusiasm for singing under Mr Roberts' direction - we are excited to take this further and enjoy even more of the well-studied benefits that music has for children's wellbeing and attainment. I hope you and your child will support this initiative in whatever way you can, and I look forward to updating you as it comes to fruition.

Kind regards

Mr Birch

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My child (name and class) _____ would like to be a KS2 Music Champion and attend the group on Wednesday lunch times. I also provide consent for their involvement in the group (including photographs) to be publicised by Katie's Piano School, as well as the school.

Signed by parent/carer _____ Date _____