



Hughenden Primary School

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31st October 2017

Dear Parents

Music at School - Guitar, Ukulele, Choir and Strumming Club

We are delighted to let you know about the musical opportunities available to children in school. In addition to the details here, information about piano lessons will follow soon.

Learning Guitar and Ukulele During Lesson Time – Years 2, 5 and 6

- After a brief introduction to playing in September, we will now be focusing on learning to play a stringed instrument during our music lessons, and we will be building our skills and knowledge across the rest of this school year.
- **Years 5 and 6** - we will be learning to play the acoustic guitar.
- **Year 2** - we will be learning to play the ukulele.

Strumming Club

Our strumming club is held on Monday lunchtimes at 12.30pm in the Computer Room, and is open to everyone. There is no charge for this activity, we simply ask for a commitment to attend every week and enjoy strumming and singing.

Choir

Our choir runs on Wednesday lunchtimes at 12.30pm in the Riddell Room. Again, there is no charge and this is open to everyone. We ask for a commitment to attend every week, learn the words and enjoy singing! We are growing in number and experience, and we have lots planned for Christmas!

Instruments and Practice

There will always be a guitar and a ukulele available in school for every child to use during lessons and clubs. If your child already has an instrument, please ensure that they bring it in on a Monday. It helps and really benefits a child's learning if they have an instrument at home so that they can practice! If your child does not have an instrument, and you would like one, we have some guitars and ukuleles available to hire or to buy at a discounted price. Full details are attached.

I hope this is useful. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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Buying or Hiring an Instrument

There will always be instruments available in school for use during lessons and clubs, however these will remain in school. If you would like to hire or buy an instrument, so that your child can practice at home, please let us know by completing the form below and returning it to the school office. Thank you.

- Guitar**
- The cost to hire a guitar and case is £10 per term (plus a £10 deposit) *
 - The price of a brand new guitar to purchase is £39 (3/4 size) or £38 (1/2 size)
 - In addition, a padded case is £10

- Ukulele**
- The cost to hire a ukulele and case is £5 per term (plus a £10 deposit) *
 - The price of a brand new ukulele (to purchase is £15 (includes a case)
 - Ukulele colours are – mid blue, black, red, natural, pinky purple

* Please note, if an instrument is hired, children and parents have a responsibility to look after it and return it in a good, useable condition at the end of the hire period. Thank you.

Instrument Hire or Purchase Form

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Child's Name and Year:		
Parent or Guardian's Name:		
Contact Number:	Contact Email:	
Please select / delete as appropriate: I would like to hire a guitar / ukulele I would like to buy a ukulele, preferred colours:		I would like to buy a guitar I would like to buy a guitar case
Signed:	Date:	

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