

18<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Dear Parents,

### Ukulele Tuition

As you may be aware I run a ukulele club in school for children in Years 5 and 6. In addition to this, I would like to offer ukulele tuition to children from year 3 upwards starting in September.

If you are unfamiliar with the ukulele, it is a stringed instrument that looks like a small guitar with four strings. It has a bright, happy sound and volume suited to accompanying children's voices. Artists such as Megan Trainor, Jack Johnson, Eddie Vedder and Taylor Swift all play the ukulele and use it in their music.

The ukulele is great fun to play and its small size makes it a perfect instrument for children to learn. It is also good for co-ordination and multi-tasking as children can sing whilst playing. The basics are easy to learn and this steep learning curve is important as it makes children feel successful early on which gives them the motivation and confidence to carry on.

As well as being a complex instrument in its own right, the skills learned on a ukulele can be easily transferred to other stringed instruments, especially the guitar. Jimmy Hendrix, Brian May (Queen) and Pete Townsend (The Who) all played the ukulele as children.

The tuition can be individual or shared between two children. During the lessons children will learn the basics of chords and strumming to accompany songs, before moving on to more complicated techniques including melody playing. Lessons are 20 minutes long and cost £3.25 per child for a shared lesson or £6 for an individual lesson.

The club sessions are for half and hour and take place during lunchtime in groups of around 6. They are less formal, and focus on singing and playing. We also play some musical and rhythm games. The club costs £3 per week.

If your child is interested in ukulele tuition or joining the ukulele club in September, please fill in the form below and return it to school by **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** or email me at [deborah\\_emberson@outlook.com](mailto:deborah_emberson@outlook.com). If you would like more information about the lessons, ukulele club or the ukulele in general, you can also ring me on 07966 845761.

Yours sincerely

Deborah Emberson

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My child is interested in (please tick):

Ukulele lessons (Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Joining the Ukulele Club (Yrs 5 & 6)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Year \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_