

7<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents,

### Ukulele Tuition

As you may be aware I come in to school several days a week to take ukulele lessons and run ukulele clubs. This week I will be visiting Nightingale Class to give a short ukulele demonstration to the children and tell them a little bit about the ukulele lessons I offer in school.

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.

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.

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.

I offer tuition in small groups (no more than 3). 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 £3.75 per child. Ukuleles are provided for the lessons, although you may wish to purchase one as your child progresses so that they can play at home between lessons.

I also run a lunchtime ukulele club for children in Years 5 and 6.

If your child is interested in learning the ukulele at school, please fill in the form below and return it to school by **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** or email me at [deborah\\_emberson@outlook.com](mailto:deborah_emberson@outlook.com). If you would like more information about the lessons or the ukulele in general, you can also ring me on 07966 845761.

Yours sincerely

Deborah Emberson

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

Parents/Carers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_