

14th September 2018

RE: School Band

Dear Parent,

As you may be aware we have a school band for children who are learning an orchestral instrument. There are a number of children who may learn an instrument outside of school and we are not aware of their ability so I am writing to see if there are any children who would like to join this band.

The aim is to give children the opportunity to play as part of a group, to follow a conductor, listen to others, and improve counting skills. These are all disciplines that your child may not put into practice in an individual music lesson.

The band will be led by Alison Golby who is an experienced Music Teacher and Performing Arts Lecturer. She has organised many community bands and orchestras for children and will be writing arrangements tailored to the individual's musical ability.

The rehearsals will take place on Tuesdays, and to maximise the time and lessen the impact on classroom time, they will be starting at 8.45am in the School Hall.

We hope that you will see this as an exciting opportunity for your child. It is well recognised that sharing fun musical experiences supports children's social development and emotional wellbeing. We aim to give the children opportunities to perform and share that experience with their peers and families.

This is free to parents, and your child needs to be learning an orchestral instrument but they do not need to have reached any grade standard to be part of the band. There are a limited number of places for the guitar, drums, keyboard, and piano, and due to the high number of children learning these instruments we will be giving priority to the older children and liaising with the teachers before offering places.

If you would like your child to learn an instrument, please contact the school on admin@bcps.org.uk or call into the front Reception desk and ask to speak with Naomi.

The first session for new members will be on Tuesday 18th September. If you would like your child to join the band, please contact Alex Pulfer apulfer@bcps.org.uk

Yours sincerely,



Jonathan Bishop
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