

# Baden-Powell & St Peter's CE Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

**This letter only applies to children in Y4, 5 and 6 in September 2024. Children joining us in Y3 will be introduced to different instruments in class music lessons.**

I am writing to you to share the exciting opportunities we have on offer at school in the Music department from this September. We are very excited to already have planned in a busy concert programme next year to share the skills of our talented children.

In recent weeks, the children have enjoyed assemblies by those currently having lessons, which has given them an insight into what instruments we have on offer. It has been fantastic to see the children's enthusiasm and I look forward to seeing a new wave of talent coming through the school, in September.

We continue to offer a wide range of instruments, as well as ensemble opportunities for those learning an instrument.

## **Brass Lessons:**

Next year, we will be offering subsidised brass lessons for new starters to the trumpet or trombone. The Autumn offer will be **£20 for 11 lessons including free hire of an instrument**. Please note that in the first lesson, Mr Smith our brass teacher, will help your child decide whether they are more suited to the trombone or trumpet.

When the children move in to the Spring term, the price would then be £30 for 11 lessons, plus the hire of an instrument for £20. I am anticipating this offer to be extremely popular based on the uptake when we offered the same introductory package in previous years. Please be advised that numbers will be limited and priority will firstly be given to those children who currently don't learn an instrument at school.

## **Starter Woodwind:**

Some of you may be wondering what a Toot, Dood or JSax is! These instruments are a starter instrument for the clarinet, flute or saxophone, however, as an introduction to woodwind, they are much more cost effective! We have been using these instruments for the past two years with huge success. Many of the children have now progressed on to the 'real woodwind' option. They are brightly coloured and the children have loved choosing which one to purchase. These lessons will be an option for children who are in Year 4 in September 2024.

The children who are moving into Year 5, will now be ready to move on to a woodwind instrument so please let us know if you would like any advice on what to move on to. I know that the children have loved Mrs D-B's demonstrations in lessons! **Please note that Year 5 can continue with their starter woodwind, should they wish to.**



*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart" Colossians 3:23*

If your child chooses to start an instrument, the following guidance MUST be adhered to.

- Your child must have their own instrument. This includes drum sticks. We can not provide or share instruments at school. If purchasing a Toot/Dood/Jsax or woodwind instrument, I highly recommend <http://www.music-corner.co.uk> They are a local shop who offer a discount to BPSP parents for sales and they also offer instrument hire.
- Play it again UK (based at Absolute Music) are another reputable, local company, offering excellent deals on woodwind instruments.
- Children can only learn ONE instrument at school unless previously agreed. This is due to high number of pupils taking instrumental lessons.
- Lessons are held during the school day.
- Full payment MUST be made for lessons before **Friday, 13 September** or your child's place will be given to somebody else on the waiting list. This charge will appear on your child's Arbor account once the timetables have been agreed.
- Lessons can only be started at the beginning of a term. The instrumental timetable is a complex one so adjustments are not always easy to make.

This is the list of instruments we currently have on offer:

<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
Violin	Mrs Defilet
Cello	Mr Lockyer
Clarinet/Saxophone/Flute	Mrs Dales-Bull
Toots/Doods/Jsaxes	Mrs Dales-Bull
Guitar/Ukulele	Mr Palmer
Keyboard/Piano	Mr Simmons
Drums	Mr Consoli and Mr Evans
Trumpet/Trombone	Mr Smith
Singing	Mrs Dales-Bull

#### **Drum Lessons:**

This year, **all drum lessons will be delivered as an individual 15-minute lesson.** Due to the nature of the instrument, we feel that this will allow the children to progress further with their skills. **Lessons will be £10 for a 15-minute lesson.**

**All other lessons are £7.50 for a 20-minute shared lesson.**

**We plan to start lessons from the week beginning 23 September for 11 weeks, therefore, the cost of lessons will be £82.50 for this term, with the exception of £20 for introductory brass and £110 for Drums.**

To sign up to instrumental lessons, please use the following link: [Instrument Lesson Sign Up](#)

**You will need to complete the above form if you wish to start a new instrument and if you wish to continue current lessons.**

Please see attached the BPSP instrumental contract, which is also on the [website](#) You will need to tick the box on the above form, to acknowledge you have read and agree to the terms and conditions.

**All applications must be received by 9am Monday 1 July. Lessons are incredibly popular and we have limited places assigned to each teacher, so we are very unlikely to have spaces after this date.**

**If your child is successful in gaining a place, we will inform you by Friday 12 July.**

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, through the school office.

Kind regards,

*Sarah Talbot*

**Music Leader**