

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

Music is an important part of our school life at Windmill.

We are very fortunate to have 6 instrumental teachers from the County Music Service visit the school. We currently offer tuition on the Violin, Viola, Cello, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe (if a teacher is available), Trumpet, Trombone, French horn, Guitar and Drum Kit.

Viola, French Horn, Oboe, Trombone and Bass Guitar are all endangered instruments, so there is a 25% discount across all groups.

Lessons take place in school time. Occasionally lessons begin before the start of the school day.

We should have spaces to start a group in all instruments in September.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO BEGIN AN INSTRUMENT IN SEPTEMBER YOU NEED TO ENROL WITH THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY MUSIC SERVICE AT

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest

Their telephone number is 01865 816990

Information about cost of lessons and instrument hire is all on their website. Tuition for beginners starts at £7.20 a lesson.

If a child is eligible for free school meals, they are exempt from tuition fees.

Instruments can usually be hired from the County Music Service.

Apart from strings, children do not usually begin lessons until at least Y3.

Details as follows:

VIOLIN, VIOLA and CELLO-Y2 upwards.

TRUMPET, TROMBONE, FRENCH HORN-Y3 upwards (children usually need to have their 2nd front teeth)

CLARINET-all children in Y4 have clarinet lessons as part of the First Access programme.

They can then continue in Y5 and Y6

SAXOPHONE-Y5 upwards

FLUTE-Y3 upwards

OBOE-Y5 upwards

GUITAR-Y3 upwards

DRUMKIT-Y3 upwards.

Here is a link to a short video about learning a woodwind instrument:

<https://youtu.be/1eOgJmmhls>

It is advisable to register now, so that the beginner lessons can start in September.

It is more difficult to begin in the middle of a school year.

We are lucky enough to have a school orchestra and once children feel confident, they are encouraged to join this. Learning an instrument can be very rewarding, but also a big commitment and parents need to support their child's practice and help them remember their instruments and music. The teachers can meet the children first to ensure they have made a sensible choice. If you have any questions, please email me pdwyer@windmill.oxon.sch.uk

Recorder lessons will hopefully be offered to children in Y2 upwards next term.