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Dear Parents

Music lessons have started and we are keen that this year the children continue to take the instruments home with them. The space that we were able to store a few in is now being used for teaching, so we have nowhere for them to be stored.

We consulted with the children around which instrument they are enjoying. From this we have split the group into two: Year 3/4 violin and Yr5/6, who have been allowed to choose which instrument they prefer. As they are growing up we would like to support them in the instrument that they prefer. We are very lucky that with the small class numbers and such a dedicated and talented music teacher – Mrs Rowe, we are able to do this. Normally the instruments are set per year group by the school. As always we wish there to be a student voice as much as possible around this.

Whilst fragile, the instruments suffered no damage again last year, thank you. I have spoken to the Swindon Music Co-operative and arranged that again, as a school, we will continue to take responsibility. We of course expect the children to care for their instruments, it is part of growing up to take that responsibility, but if damage does occur then the music co-operative will deal with the school, not yourself as parents.

Music lessons are always on a Monday, so they need to bring their instrument in on a Monday morning. It will be stored in the Village Hall during the day, played, then we will be sending them home at 3:15pm until the following week.

We will be trialling that the children receive an hour of music, allowing the other half of the class to complete an hour of French. This will enable both the Music teacher and French teacher to cover more and at greater depth, within the lessons. If this works the children will have a lesson every other week (longer length), however, we still wish the instruments to come in weekly, so that no child misses out or becomes muddled on which week it is and if they need their instrument or not!

The first set of dates from Mrs Rowe are as follows:

Running until 17th October

7th November until 5th December

9th January until 6th February

27th February until 27th March

Best Regards

Miss Lindsay



Headteacher Miss Emma Lindsay

