

29th September 2016

Exciting musical opportunity for Year 4 pupils this year!

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are delighted to let you know that pupils in Year 4 will have the exciting opportunity to take part in Hertfordshire Music Service's First Access programme; learning to play brass instruments in weekly lessons throughout the academic year. The programme is entirely funded by Herts Music Service who will provide instruments and tuition for the duration, meaning there is no cost to parents or the school.

The Year 4 class will be split into two groups and each will enjoy a 30 minute weekly lesson. The focus of lessons is musical learning and developing a wide range of skills involved with group playing. Musical skills are highly transferable and will include improvising, composing, and music reading. The wider benefits of learning instruments in groups include teamwork, leadership, listening, respect, resilience and commitment which align with our school values.

We will keep instruments in school for the first few weeks to ensure safe handling and to teach pupils the basics. After that, the children will have the opportunity to take the instruments home in order to practice between school lessons and we will write to you again before this happens.

We expect to perform to pupils, staff and parents during the year so that Year 4 can show what they have been learning in lessons.

We hope that your child will really enjoy their lessons and learn a skill that will bring a lifetime of enjoyment. The lessons will start on Tues 4th October.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to class teacher Ms Dowie or contact the Music Service brass teacher Mr. Peach on malcolm.peach@hertsmusicservice.org.uk.

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