



The Singing Tree is now open to Reception!

Dear Parent/Carer,

My name is Mollie Parry-Jones. I used to teach in Reception and Year 1 at Hillcrest and I now run my own music school called The Singing Tree. We have been established since September 2011. I run classes at Hillcrest for Years 1-6, and from next week, I will be running a weekly session on Tuesday afternoons for Reception children too.

The sessions are based on the Hungarian philosophy of Kodaly, which teaches the key principles of music (pitch, rhythm, dynamics, etc.) through interactive, fun songs and games, giving the children the perfect foundation for going on to learn a musical instrument later. (I also run classes for pre-school children around Bristol. There are children as young as 2 months old who attend these classes and by 18 months to 2 years they can already recognise the difference between minims, crotchets and quavers and are starting to recognise musical intervals.) We have had remarkable feedback from instrument teachers about the impact that this teaching is having on the children who are then taking up piano, violin, flute and other instruments later. There is very little of this type of musical teaching in the West Country, so I am pioneering to get it into schools! See www.thesingingtree.co.uk for more information.

I limit the class sizes to maximise my attention to each child. I teach the children in the classrooms at lunchtime and in the small hall in the afternoons and each session is half an hour long, so that the older children still get time to eat and run around outside afterwards. I go into their classrooms to collect them. Each week I upload some of the music that we use in our classes onto my facebook page so that the children can do it all again at home with you! See www.facebook.com/TheSingingTreeBristol.

Please call/text me on 07905 786447 if you would like to reserve a place for your child. (It will be on a first-come, first-served basis, and five places are already booked by children who have attended my toddler classes).

I did a session with the children yesterday, so ask them about it when they come home!

The sessions are £5.50/week and I charge in termly blocks – so it is usually between 5 and 7 sessions in each invoice. The first session will be next Tuesday (24th September) and will only be 5 sessions and then it's half term.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

Mollie