



Music at Dringhouses

Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter is an overview of the musical opportunities at our school. It covers classroom music, clubs, private instrumental lessons and information about York Music Centre. It includes the contact details for our team of visiting instrumental teachers.

Classroom Music

Music is part of the National Curriculum. Every child at our school has a weekly general music lesson in the music room with their class. More information about these lessons can be found on the school website in the music section under 'Teaching & Learning'. All the children have an opportunity to share their musical skills in the KS2 Concert at the end of the Easter term, and at the KS1/Rec assemblies throughout the year.

Clubs

Choir meets after school every Friday and is open to all children and parents of children in KS2. Younger siblings of members are welcome if parents come too! **Begins 14th October**

Orchestra meets every Monday afternoon in the music room and is open to anyone who has been learning an instrument for at least a term or who is in Y4 upwards and wants to play the recorder or ukulele. **Begins first Monday after Half Term-31st October**

KS1 Singing Club takes place on Friday lunchtimes for children in Y1/2. This is an opportunity for children to enjoy singing & playing musical games together.

Specific letters for each of these activities with dates, times, collection arrangements etc are issued separately, or contact me on my email: cclarke@dringhouses.co.uk

Private Instrumental Lessons

We have an excellent team of instrumental specialists who visit school every week to give individual or small group lessons on a range of instruments. This year we are able to offer: **Piano, Keyboard, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Trumpet, Flute, Saxophone, Clarinet, Classical Guitar and Rock Band (Electric guitar, Bass, Vocals, Keyboard) as well as Rocksteady.** The teachers are self-employed so their prices differ slightly but for a group lesson of 2-4 children (recommended for beginners) the prices are between £50 and £80 a term, (apart from Rocksteady which is around £130). Instruments can be hired from the council for about £15 a term and we have a few of each to loan for free. **If you are interested in instrumental lessons please contact the teachers directly on the following emails, OR fill in and return the attached slip and I will send you further information.** You are also very welcome to contact me at any time with general questions.

Instrumental teachers' contacts:

Acoustic Guitar - Marcus Bousfield - marcus.bousfield@btinternet.com

Violin and Viola - Hannah Crawford - hjcrowfordviolin1@gmail.com

'Cello & Double Bass - Catherine Strachan - catherinestrachan@gmail.com

Woodwind and Brass (inc Trumpet, Clarinet, French Horn, Cornet, flute, Trombone, Saxophone)
Richard Wilton tuba.123@hotmail.co.uk

Piano - Pierrine Chan - pierrinem@yahoo.fr

Rock Band instruments (individual lessons on electric guitar, drum kit, keyboard or vocals) Matt Dawson - mattdawson.composer@gmail.com

Rocksteady - this is a national franchise delivering group rock band lessons in our school. Unlike our other instruments, the focus here is on informal memorising of a group performance-there is no music reading. Their website, describing what they offer is here: <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/> You can sign up directly on their website.

All children at our school who have free school meals are eligible for free group instrumental lessons.

York Music Centre

York Music Centre runs on Saturday mornings and Wednesday afternoons at Millthorpe School with a wide range of musical activities for all ages from 4 year olds upwards. More information can be found on their website: <https://yorkartseducation.org.uk/>

Please come and see me if there is anything you would like to ask about any of this or if you have any ideas or feedback about any of the musical events in school.

Many thanks,

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(Music Coordinator)
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Instrumental Lessons

My Child/ren: _____

Class/es: _____

Would like to take up the : _____

Please send me the relevant information,

Signed: _____