

Cunningham Hill Junior School

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Dear Y4 parents

First Access – Ukulele lessons

As you may know, we give all Y4 children the opportunity to learn the ukulele. This is part of the *First Access* scheme which gives children the chance to learn about music in curriculum time through playing a musical instrument, at no cost to parents.

First Access is a national scheme, tailored locally to meet the needs and ambitions of individual schools in order that every child experiences instrumental music making. At Cunningham Hill Junior School we have just completed our eleventh year of the scheme.

Each child in Y4 will get 30 minutes ukulele tuition a week in a group of 15 for a term and a half. Class 6 will learn from September until around February half term and Class 5 from around February half term until the end of the year. Each class will perform a concert to parents at the end of their lessons. The school will provide the ukuleles for use in the lessons.

Lessons will take place on Wednesday afternoons and will be led by Mrs Kimberley Beqiraj from the Hertfordshire Music Service. She will be assisted by one of our teaching assistants or the class teacher.

We hope that you will, as parents, join us in encouraging your children to make the most of this opportunity. We feel that the year of recorder tuition they have just received, and their weekly music lessons, have given them a good grounding in musical skills on which to build further. The children will have their ukulele tuition in addition to their weekly music lesson. If your child has already played the ukulele, please be assured that *First Access* can only add to their musical experience.

After the six months of free tuition, we offer the children who are keen to continue on the ukulele, the opportunity to have lessons in smaller groups. For others, they may like to try another instrument. Evaluation and feedback regularly shows how *First Access* projects are giving children benefits far beyond the obvious musical experiences and skills. *First Access* in Hertfordshire is 'making every child's music matter'.

We still have a few spaces for individual or paired violin lessons if any children are interested in trying a new instrument. Please return the slip below to your class teacher *this week* for further details.

Yours sincerely

Jo Clifford

Music Subject Leader

Please return to the school office by the end of the week.

Violin lessons September 2018

Child..... Class.....

I am interested in violin lessons for my child, please send me further details.

Signed