



7th September 2018

Dear Year 2 Families

I spoke yesterday to all the Year 2 children today about the instruments that are available to learn here at the school and the children that are already signed up for lessons are hugely excited!

Ukulele lessons will be on **Monday** afternoons and are starting on Monday 17th September.

Violin lessons will be on **Wednesday** afternoon starting next week on Wednesday 12th September.

Keyboard lessons will be on **Thursday** afternoon starting next week on Wednesday 13th September.

It is not too late to apply and there are still spaces available for Keyboard and Violin lessons but only ONE space left for Ukulele.

The **Violin** and **Keyboard** lessons are taught by **Bethan John** and are provided by the Brighton and Hove Music Service. All details of costs and subsidies are available online through their website – www.bhma.org.uk.

The Brighton & Hove Music & Arts is now part of Brighton Dome & Festival Limited. Please find a link giving further information and FAQ's: <https://www.bhma.org.uk/bhma-transfer>

The general email address has changed to bhma@brightondome.org.

(Please don't panic if you have already applied for these lessons and haven't heard from the teacher yet; the music service are in the process of sorting out applications and Bethan will be contacting you all shortly!)

Ruth Concannon teaches the Ukulele lessons and she can be contacted by email: ruthaconcannon9@gmail.com.

Recorder lessons will start in a few weeks when the other instrumental lessons are up and running. These lessons will be free, the only costs will be for the recorder and the booklet, approx. £12. Signing up letters will be sent out to all children who are interested.

Alongside the instrumental lessons offered at the school, the **Brighton and Hove Music Service** run their **Saturday Morning Music School** at **Varndean School** and there are Music Workshop Classes and a Choir that Year 2 children can join. Again all the details are on the website: www.bhma.org.uk.

The Saturday classes start up this week on 8th September; however you can join the groups anytime during the term.

I highly recommend taking your child to the Saturday Music classes. The classes are fun and it is hugely inspiring for younger children to see and hear the older children of the City playing in the various String, Brass and Woodwind ensembles that also rehearse at Varndean on a Saturday morning.

Do please come and see me in school if you have any questions about any of the above or email the office: office@stanford-inf.brighton-hove.sch.uk with any queries you may have.

Happy Music Making!

Kind regards

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