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Music lessons at Chilton 2021-22

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Dear parents and carers,

Guitar Lessons are available at Chilton School to children from year 3 upwards, in groups of 3-5, taught by our visiting specialist tutor Adam Coney. This is a fun and inexpensive way for children to explore learning an instrument.

Lessons are 30 minutes long and there are ten lessons each double term. The cost this year is **£40 per double term**, due in September, January and April, and you will need to allow approximately £50 to buy a guitar if you do not already have one (but see below for information regarding financial assistance).

Lessons take place on Thursdays and will recommence this term on **Thursday 30th September**. If you would like a place, the club will be live on your MCAS app under the heading of 'Clubs' and then click 'Available Clubs' to indicate your interest **by Friday 24th September**. Children who were enrolled last year will automatically have a place to continue. Others will be notified the following week whether they have a place or need to go on a waiting list.

Brass lessons are also taught in small groups using trumpets, cornets and trombones, from year 3 upwards. The cost is £40 per double term and children can borrow an instrument from the school free. These were suspended during coronavirus restrictions but we now have the go-ahead to resume them. Unfortunately, our previous tutor has retired and we need to arrange another one to replace her, which we are attempting to do as soon as possible. If you want to resume brass lessons or think you might like to enrol to try them out, please indicate your interest by clicking the Brass Club on your MCAS app **by Friday 24th September** and you will be contacted once the lessons are in place.

Financial assistance from Kent Music

Kent Music run a bursary scheme for children from low-income families to assist with the cost of music lessons. The scheme pays 75% of the cost so if eligible, you will only be asked to pay £10.00 per double term. They will also supply an instrument on free loan if they have one available.

Financial assistance is available to:

- Children in receipt of free school meals
- Looked after children
- Children with parents in receipt of Universal Credit, Incapacity Benefit or Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)

If you are eligible under any of these categories, please let the office staff know and you will be advised how to apply.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Redwood
Music Leader

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