

Knavesmire Music

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy new year! This newsletter gives you details of extra-curricular music activities which are available to the children this term.

Knavesmire Choirs.

Y4/5/6 choir meets for their last rehearsal tomorrow, Wednesday 9th January. The children will be bringing home final details about our Young Voices trip next Tuesday 15th January and your tickets for the show, so please look out for those!

Y1/2/3 choir will continue to meet on Wednesday lunchtime, 12.00-12.30pm in the music room, led by Mrs Hunt and Miss Smith, for the rest of this term.

Recorder Clubs

Beginners' recorder club will continue to meet on Monday lunchtimes, 12.30-1.00pm in Y1C, with Miss Coulson,

Improvers' recorder club will continue to meet on Tuesday lunchtimes 12.30-1.00pm in the music room, with Mrs Woolgar.

Advanced recorder club will continue to meet on Monday lunchtimes 12.30-1.00pm in the music room, with Mrs Woolgar.

It would be very helpful if you could encourage your child to

practise for 5 minutes each day and to **put their recorder and book in their book bags the night before their club!**

Instrumental lessons

As many of you will know, City of York Council is no longer providing peripatetic instrumental teachers to schools for individual and small group lessons. As a result, many of the existing instrumental teachers in York have chosen to go private. Lessons can still be provided in school time, but parents make their own arrangements directly with the teacher, rather than through the Council.

One group of teachers has formed a private company, called York Music Service, which will provide lessons in a range of different instruments. For information about these teachers, please visit www.yorkmusicservice.co.uk.

Information about all our instrumental teachers is available in the school office or from Mrs Woolgar.

At Knavesmire lessons are provided as follows:

Guitar: Steve Powell. York Music Service.

Strings (violin/viola): Marcus Bousfield. Private teacher.

Cello/Double bass: Catherine Strachan. Private teacher.

Piano: Helen Leach. Private teacher.

Woodwind: Rachel Letham. Private teacher.

Brass: Derek Warley. York Music Service.

Voice: John Croyle. York Music Service.

Drumkit: Alex Woolgar. Private teacher.

Keyboard: Alex Woolgar. Private teacher.

If you need any further information about instrumental lessons, please come and see me and I will do my best to help!

Whole Class Ensemble tuition

Our Y4 children start term 2 of this scheme and will be starting a new instrument. The lessons take place during school time on Fridays, taught by Diane Martin. An additional benefit is that our Y4 children also have free membership of some First Access groups at York Music Centre at Millthorpe School.

At the end of this term our Y4 children will perform in a joint WCET concert with Scarcroft school, date tbc.

York Music Centre

York Music Centre runs a wide range of group music making opportunities for all ages (3 to 18) and all abilities - every week during term time.

Millthorpe School - Saturdays 9.15am - 1.00pm

Millthorpe School - Wednesdays 4.30pm - 6.30pm

FREE places are available to children and families in need.

All students have the opportunity to experience playing in informal and formal concerts throughout the year, both locally and regionally. For the more senior/advanced groups there is also the opportunity to play abroad during summer tours. There are often additional projects for various groups and all students have the opportunity to engage with Arts Award at all levels (Discover, Explore, Bronze, Silver, Gold). For further information, please visit the website yorkartseducation.org.uk.

Knavesmire's Got Talent!

After the success of last year's show we have decided to run this project again.

Further details to follow, but please make a note of the date of the show, Wednesday 20th February at 7pm.

Looking forward to some great music-making!

Jane Woolgar