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ENFIELD MUSIC SERVICE INSTRUMENT LESSONS SPRING 2022

Dear Parents

Welcome to the spring term. I am writing to inform you when your child's instrument lessons will begin. There are ten lessons this term. Tutors always endeavour to deliver the correct amount of lessons, whether they start this week or next week. There are always extra weeks in Spring term in which to do 'catch up' lessons if children could not attend due to being on a school trip or another valid reason. Children who are absent on the day of the lesson will unfortunately not be able to have their lesson later. If you have any queries about this, please contact EMS (you should have an email address when you set up your account) and liaise directly with them rather than the school. However, I will endeavour to rearrange lessons for children who are on a class trip, which class teachers inform me about.

When will my child's lessons start?

- **Piano lessons** start next week: w/c 10 Jan (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday with Ash, Wednesday with John)
- **Woodwind lessons** with Chris (clarinet, saxophone, recorder, flute) start next week- Wednesday afternoon
- **Drum lessons** with Will - still to be confirmed. I will let you know as soon as I have heard.
- **Violin lessons** with Ilya start this week - Thursday morning
- **Brass lessons** with Rocco start this week - Friday morning
- **Guitar and ukulele lessons** with James start this week - Thursday all day and next Tuesday morning for 5 pupils.

Children should bring their yellow notebooks to every lesson if they have one. These are notebooks provided by EMS, usually given free on the first lesson. However, EMS has a shortage of these books at the moment so please provide your child with a small notebook for the tutor to write notes about the lesson and what they should practise.

Children should practise several times a week. This is for you to work out with your child. Ten minutes a day, or 15 mins 3 times a week are good suggestions. Children will make very little progress if they don't practise, but excellent progress with regular practise and encouragement from home to perform.

Finally, I always spend the first week organising the timetables with the tutors. As soon as I have your child's lesson time I will let your child know, therefore please do not contact the school office for this information. Tutors usually collect younger children from the class. Some lessons have to be scheduled during lunch breaks because some tutors teach all day without stopping for a break. Therefore, some KS2 children may have their lesson during lunch, which cannot be avoided.

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I hope your child enjoys learning their instrument! Best wishes for 2022.

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