



BROOK INFANT SCHOOL  
AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Year One Specialist Music Lessons**

The children will be taking part in West Sussex specialist music lessons in Year One from Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October. We understand that this year they will be learning the Djembe drum for the first term and due to Covid19 we will be discussing what instruments come after that – in previous years this has been the recorder and violin.

The lessons are planned to take place over the next three terms which include Autumn 2020, Spring 2021 and Summer 2021. The lessons will give them a chance to really explore their musicality and embed a firm understanding of music to take them either onto learning another instrument or a good grounding to enjoy music as a whole. These lessons are in addition to the normal music lessons we provide and are led by a specialist music teacher.

At Brook Infant School and Nursery, we are very passionate about music because we know that exposure to music from early childhood onwards helps children to speak more clearly, develop a larger vocabulary and strengthen social and emotional skills. Howard Gardner, psychologist, believes that music intelligence is as important as logical and emotional intelligence because music has the ability to strengthen the connection between the body and the brain and enables them to work together as a team.

The cost of each lesson is 95p per child, but for administration purposes we ask that families pay either a term at a time or for the whole year (£28.74). As this is an addition to our normal curriculum provision, we rely heavily on parents supporting the school with these payments. We will set up a payment on School Money. You will receive a text today reminding you of your username and password.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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