

ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL ORCHESTRA



Dear Parents / Carers of Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 children,

Our by now well-established **ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL ORCHESTRA** will continue in the Summer Term! It will run as an after-school club on **Thursdays (starting on 21/04/16), from 3.15pm until 4.30pm**. It will be open to children from **Year 3 – 6** who have some experience of playing any of the following instruments:

- Violin / Viola / Cello / Double-Bass (we have one in school!)
- Recorder / Flute / Clarinet / Oboe / Bassoon
- Trumpet / Trombone
- Guitar (acoustic) / Bass Guitar
- Keyboard / Piano
- Tuned percussion (eg. xylophone, metallophone etc.)

Children who can read some music and have experience on other instruments are welcome to join the orchestra on tuned percussion. The school has a range of tuned percussion instruments available.

This is an exciting opportunity for children who have instrumental lessons in school or outside school and have gained some proficiency on their instrument and are able to follow a simple score. We will be playing a wide range of pieces – some especially written for the orchestra as well as arrangements of classical and other ensemble pieces. We will also work on general musicianship skills and be able to explore the wonderful world of music through ensemble playing.

The orchestra will be led by Bernd Rest MMus, GCLCM, who is a local composer and guitarist. He has 15 years of experience teaching classical guitar and leading ensembles in various schools. He is also Composer in Residence for ARK schools, writing and arranging for their various school ensembles. Apart from being a professional guitarist, Bernd has experience with a wide variety of instruments and will be able to give advice on playing techniques, practice tips & tricks etc. Bernd can adapt each child's part to their individual ability, making sure that everyone can contribute with a part appropriate to their level.

Please get in touch with Bernd (restbernd@gmail.com or 07977 442 843) if you have any questions about the orchestra. **In the Summer Term, the orchestra will run for 12 weeks (21.04. – 14.07., excluding half term). The cost is £5 per session (£60 payable by cheque or cash in advance.)** If you are worried about being able to pay and your child is entitled to free school meals, then please notify me on the return slip below and we will do all we can to help financially and notify you of this in due course.

Please return the completed form to the school asap or get in touch with Bernd directly if you have any questions (see contact details above).

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Return Slip



Please return this slip to the School Office asap.

My child _____ class _____
would like to join / continue with the School Orchestra, starting
on Thursday, April 21, 2016.

Instrument: _____

Approx. grade: _____

Lessons in / out of school? _____

- ☐ I/ we enclose a cheque for £60 made payable to Bernd Rest for the cost of one term's sessions
- ☐ I/ we enclose £60 cash for the cost of one term's sessions
- ☐ My child is entitled to free school meals

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Contact mobile: _____

Email address: _____

Important medical info (allergies etc):