



September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

### **New Instrumental Tuition:**

Lessons are available in piano (children **must** have access to a piano/full size keyboard for practice), guitar (electric / acoustic), clarinet, saxophone, fife, flute, drums, violin, cello and recorder.

If your child would like to begin learning an instrument, please indicate this on the slip attached. As I am sure you understand, places are limited. If it is not possible to offer a place at present, then your child's name will be placed on the waiting list.

Learning an instrument should be good fun, but at the same time, the child should appreciate that to become a good player, you need to work hard. Practice and commitment are therefore very important. If your child does experience difficulties, I would ask you to encourage him/her to persevere, as often difficulties can be ironed out. Children at Ashley can look forward to many exciting events next year, including the New Milton Music Festival and opportunities to participate in our school orchestra and Easter Concert.

The cost of music lessons this year will be **£50.00 per term**. There is an additional termly charge of £18.75 if you hire an instrument from us. *Any damaged caused to a hired school instrument will be your responsibility, Ashley Junior School will repair and invoice for any cost incurred.*

Instrument lessons are taught by freelance music teachers who come into school on certain days. The normal arrangement is that pupils will receive 30 lessons over the year, normally as 10 lessons per term. The timing of the lesson is rotated each half term so that children are not always missing the same lesson. The children are taught in pairs and the lessons last for 20 minutes.

If your child wishes to start music tuition in September 2016 please complete the confirmation slip attached and return to the School Office as soon as possible. Providing spaces are available you will be sent an instrumental commitment letter as confirmation of your child's place and immediate payment will be required. This can be done by [www.scopay.com/ashley-jun](http://www.scopay.com/ashley-jun), or directly via the School Office.

**Unfortunately, the school will be unable to provide refunds once monies have been paid. Therefore if a child decides to discontinue lessons, then he/she does so at the end of a school term.**

**Notification of cancellation must be put in writing in order that a child on the waiting list can take the place.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully, Mr Thew (Music and Enrichment)

