**Music Opportunities 2022-23**

5th September 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to you about music opportunities at King’s Wood this year.

If your child is in KS2 and would like to have instrumental lessons at school this year, we are currently able to offer violin and guitar through the Bucks Music Trust. We subsidise these lessons at school so that you only pay £35 per term. Lessons are generally taught in small groups (often in pairs) and we do have a limited number of instruments that we can lend out. If you would like to apply for lessons, please use this link: <https://www.bucksmusic.org/book-lessons-2/> and select ‘group lesson’. Fees are paid directly to the Music Trust.

I know a number of children were really hoping to take part in a Rock Steady band. Unfortunately they are still struggling to recruit a teacher but we are on their waiting list and as soon as they can assign a teacher to King’s Wood, I will let you know – apologies for any disappointment.

The Young Voices choir is getting back together! This is for any children in KS2 regardless of prior experience and ability. Last year, we took over 50 pupils to join with other schools to form a choir of 3,500 children at Wembley Arena. This year, the performance will be in Wembley again, on the evening of 7th February. It is free of charge to the children and we will take them to the concert and back on a coach. If your child would like to join the choir, they should come to our first lunch-time rehearsal on Thursday 8th September to sign up.

We are hoping to start some beginner wind instrument groups and a KS1 choir later in the year – I’ll send out more information nearer the time.

Finally, I’d like to share some information with you about the instruments your children will be playing in class, as part of the music curriculum:

All year groups – Singing

Early Years and Foundation – body percussion, untuned percussion, Samba drum workshop

Year 1 – Untuned percussion, African drums; Samba drum workshop

Year 2 – Violins (a term of whole class violin lessons from Chiltern Music Academy)

Year 3 – Xylophones; Steel Pan workshop

Year 4 – Ukulele; Uke workshop

Year 5 – Recorders; Brass & Woodwind workshop

Year 6 – Keyboards; Pipe Organ visit

Finally, we are hoping to have a music week in June so that the children can experience live performances from a range of musical genres.

I hope you will agree that this provides a rich and exciting range of opportunities for our children and that if possible, you might encourage them to have a go at an instrument or at singing in the choir.

Best wishes,

Mrs L. Virgo (Deputy Head Teacher & Music Lead)