



After School Ceilidh Band at Shilbottle Primary



Dear Parents

We are very fortunate at Shilbottle Primary to be able to offer our pupils an after school ensemble in the form of a ceilidh band with Mrs Nicklen, who has taught violin to our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils.

From 29 April 2019 [the first Monday of the summer term] we would like to offer pupils from other local schools the opportunity to join our after school ceilidh band so more pupils can enjoy playing music together.

Our after school ceilidh band meet every Monday from 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. and is for children from Year 2 – Year 6. The children who attend have different musical experiences from no music to small group to private lessons. This is what makes our ensemble / ceilidh band unique and they are always looking for new friends to join them – no musical experience necessary although in many of the schools all of the children in Year 3 – Year 6 have had whole class tuition during their time in school... who's coming along to join us next term?

Mr Parnaby our Head teacher has spoken to your Head teachers and they are happy for you to collect children a little bit early on a Monday to give you time to get to Shilbottle for 3:15 p.m.

You can bring your own instrument or borrow an instrument from your school ☺

But why should my child learn music or an instrument?

- **Music helps to improve children's brain power** Students who are exposed to music while growing up excelled better in lessons than those who were not. Music helps in stimulating the part of the brain that is responsible for reading, math and emotional development. **This alone should be enough motivation to get your child involved in music.**
- **Music helps children build their confidence** - When children realise that they can develop a skill on their own, it gives them that self-belief and confidence boost that they require. As time goes by [it will not happen overnight], they will become better, and become even more confident in their abilities.
- **Music inspires creativity** - Musicians are some of the most creative people which means your child will tap into their inner creative spirits. This gives them that instant entrepreneurial edge over their friends and gives them an edge later in life.
- **Music teaches children patience** - If you have ever watched a band playing, then the one thing you notice is how patient each member is. Band members must always wait for the signal from the person in charge before they play, or else there will be no harmony in the song they are playing. This is the same way it is when your children are playing with others in a group; they learn the virtues of patience and how it affects others. They also learn how to work together with others while making something as beautiful as music.
- **Music teaches children discipline** - Learning how to play a musical instrument requires discipline and patience. Your child will need to practice. They know that in order to get better, they need to put in the time. This helps them become better disciplined with homework and pursuing their goals as they move through the school years.
- **Music helps children to develop social skills** - Many children will face challenges of adapting socially while growing up. By encouraging them to play a musical instrument in a group it helps them develop social skills, relationships, teamwork, leadership and discipline, and how to appreciate rewards and achievement. Oh and it's a great start for transition to High School ☺

So ... now you know the benefits of playing an instrument, how about bringing your child to after school ensemble / ceilidh band [no prior experience necessary].

Many thanks

Mrs Nicklen
Music Service

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PLEASE RETURN THE FORM to your school BY THURSDAY, 4 April 2019

Name _____ of _____ child(ren) _____

SCHOOL _____

I would like my child to attend:

- After school ceilidh band @ Shilbottle Primary [☐] Monday 3:15 – 4:15 pm

I understand that I have to transport my child to and from Shilbottle Primary and that there is a cost of £2 per week.

Signed _____ Date _____

Name _____ of _____ Adult _____

Emergency contact numbers

[1] _____ [2] _____

Medical _____ conditions _____
