



# St. Michael's Church of England Primary School



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Our school values: *Respect · Kindness · Challenge · Forgiveness · Perseverance*

Dear Parents

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I would like to introduce myself – my name is Mrs Bedford and I teach Year 2 on Fridays and will be overseeing music across all year groups in St. Michael's.

## Music Lessons

At St. Michael's children have the opportunity to learn a variety of instruments: we are able to offer guitar, keyboard, woodwind, strings and brass tuition. Lessons have been suspended this term because of the pandemic, but we are hoping to be able to offer some face to face, online lessons from the New Year which will be supported by me wherever possible. We would like to gauge how much interest there is in music lessons, especially as they will have to be held within class 'bubbles', when they first start again. Costs vary between £6 and £10 a session depending on the instrument. Children are asked to provide their own guitars but other instruments can be hired from the council's music service – these costs also vary but are in the region of £60 - £90 per year, again depending on instrument – and the fee is split so that if your child wishes to stop lessons after the first term, there will be a fee of approximately a third to pay. Please complete the slip below if you are interested in music lessons, or email me via [music@st-michaels.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:music@st-michaels.cumbria.sch.uk). There is no commitment at this stage, we are simply trying to work out how much potential interest there is.

Any child who was learning an instrument last year is encouraged to continue with this, and I would encourage parents to contact me directly via email to look at the options for continuing lessons.

## Charanga

The children have now got a login for Charanga, our new online music learning resource, which can be found in their reading record. We use Charanga in class at St. Michael's and Yumu is a part of this resource designed for the children to access at home. This may form part of home learning, as your teacher can set assignments, or there is a variety of songs and activities to enjoy at any time.

## Choir

Weekly choir rehearsals are not able to take place at the moment, but any children who are interested in joining choir will have access to additional songs and resources on Charanga. The same login can be used and additional resources will be available soon!

If you have any questions please contact me on the above email.

Mrs Bedford

## MUSIC LESSONS

My child \_\_\_\_\_ in Year \_\_\_\_\_ would be interested in taking/ continuing music lessons and would like to play the \_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_