

Dear Parents

11th May 2011

Steel pans project

Our steel pans and percussion project is coming soon and we are all really looking forward to working with the musicians from The Sage. The pans will arrive next week and the project will run from Thursday 19th May to Thursday 26th May.

Sponsorship from Torness, Simpson McCreath and General Mills has supplemented the funds raised from our sponsored run last year and enabled us to extend the 2011 project to cover the whole school and not just the older classes. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to work with professional musicians over an extended period of time. Many thanks to our sponsors and to you all for helping us raise the money.

Nursery, Class 1 and Class 2

At this age these children are just too small to play the steel pans so musicians from The Sage will be working with the children in small groups every day learning to play a variety of percussion instruments. They will be holding a concert to showcase their work on Wednesday 25th May at 2.45 in the school hall. Please come along and see what they have learnt to play. On Wednesday we'd like the children in these classes to come to school dressed in their brightest clothes instead of school uniform.

Nursery parents - we would love your children to come back to school at 2.30 to take part in this if that's possible. They can wear their bright clothes during the morning nursery to get into the mood!

Classes 3, 4 and 5

The children have chosen their band names and will be practicing every day during school time. On Thursday 26th we will be practicing at The Maltings; we will let you know nearer the time if there are any arrangements that you need to be aware of.

Parents Band

We need parents to join us! Last year the parents' band was fantastic so there's a high standard to meet. If you would like to learn to play the steel pans (it doesn't matter if you were part of it last year or not) practice time is every day after school from the 19th May from 3.30 – 4.00

Maltings concert

We will be holding our steel pans concert at The Maltings on Thursday 26th May at 6.00. Tickets are still available. Children in classes 3, 4 and 5 and parents who are in the band do not need to buy tickets.

Dates

There will be some disruption to normal timetables during the project!

- 18th May no swimming for classes 2 & 3
- 19th & 20th May – no assemblies
- 25th May 2.45 percussion 'concert' in the hall for nursery class 1 and class 2
- 26th May – no assembly
- 26th May – no after school clubs (the last after school club on a Thursday will be on 19th May). KS2 Tuesday club will be on until further notice.
- 26th May Maltings concert
- 27th May – Friday assembly as usual