

# St Mary's Lewisham CE Primary School

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## ***"Personal Development at St Mary's is Outstanding" - Ofsted Dec 2021***

### **Our Vision**

*To be a learning community that promotes the unique gifts, wellbeing and potential of every person. Our work is founded on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, building on His message of equality, peace and justice, guided by His words 'As I have loved you, so you must love one another' (John 13:34).*

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Hi Families,

### **RECORDER TUITION AT ST MARY'S SCHOOL**

I'm very pleased to let you know I am starting the new recorder lessons at St Mary's this week, starting with weekly group lessons. They will have their group lessons every **Monday** with the first session today, **Monday 16th October**. You do not need anything for the lesson as it will all be provided in due course.

At the first lesson I will issue the recorder bag and practice book. Please ensure this bag is brought to school for every recorder lesson.

### **Groups/individual lessons**

To start, the children will learn in small groups to learn the pre-instrument steps. Recorders will be issued by the end of November when children will also have an individual lesson each week.

### **Practice**

Regular practice between lessons is the key to making good progress. Practice only needs to be a few minutes and the children earn 'stars' for practice for 5, 6 or 7 days which they enjoy collecting. Once this routine gets going the children learn to practice effectively on their own so parental support in establishing the routine from the start is vital. To help make this a fun activity from the start each week there will be a simple game to play at home. Details will be on the sheet and you can play these games regularly in the future too as they develop basic music skills and it encourages a practice routine! As we progress I will teach the children lots of practice games. I can demonstrate these when parents attend lessons.

### **Recorders**

The children will be issued with a recorder at the appropriate time and of the correct quality to allow for a great sound. If you have an instrument already, please do not send any recorders with the children yet as we will not be using them straight away. In the pre-instrument stage I work on good technique to ensure we make a great sound. If you or a family member has played in the past please resist the urge to teach things!

If there are any questions about the practice activity, or lessons in general do drop me an email. I will read any messages in the books but there's not always time to write a reply in lessons.

Looking forward to starting the new recorder group and meeting you all in due course!

**Julie**

**Recorder Teacher**

