

MUSIC NEWSLETTER

2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

Singing has always been a big part of life at Fernhurst School and this year has seen some wonderful opportunities for children from across the school to raise their voices. In assemblies, in the classroom and of course in our various musical productions over the year. Our school choir rehearses in the Autumn and Spring terms, re forming at other times to support the end of term concert and to perform for the Fernhurst Society **The Good Companions**.

Children from years 3 and 5 joined with other schools from the Rother Valley for the **Big Sing**, visiting Midhurst Rother College to sing in their purpose built theatre. We had the pleasure of hosting the annual **Little Big Sing** for year 2, with four other local schools coming to Fernhurst for a morning of the most wonderful singing. Each school was invited to perform a song on the theme of Side By Side, and our children gave an excellent rendition of We Go Together, from the film Grease, which had been adapted and personalised, much to the children's excitement!

In January, those children who are currently learning a musical instrument, were given the opportunity to see an orchestra perform at the **Children's Concert** at Chichester Festival Theatre. The children, many of whom have never seen an orchestra playing live or visited a live music venue, thoroughly enjoyed the performance, which included lots of audience participation. Our year 4 pupil, Blade Combes, who plays both the guitar and piano, even had the opportunity to conduct the orchestra!

In March, school choir members from Years 5 and 6 went to Chichester Cathedral to sing in **Music for Peace**. Joining with schools from around West Sussex they rehearsed and then performed to friends and family some amazing songs, including a specially commissioned piece. We are privileged to be able to offer our children such amazing opportunities and we were immensely proud of all of them.

Also during the Spring term, four of our talented musicians took part in a special Orchestra Day at MRC, playing alongside pupils from other schools. Olive Keeley, James Vigar, Charlotte Hampton and Esme Brimacombe prepared some pieces to perform at the **MRC Spring Concert**. A huge achievement for them all.

Our **Summer Concert** was a culmination of the year, with children that have been learning instruments over the year performing in ensembles and the orchestra. The choir reformed for the occasion and a number of children performed solo pieces to an enraptured audience. Our guitar teacher, Chris Eaton, from West Sussex Music, led the whole room in singing 'Shotgun' by George Ezra, it has to be one of my favourite moments from what has been a very busy year.

I hope everyone has a lovely, music-filled summer.

Sue Gibbon

Music Co-ordinator



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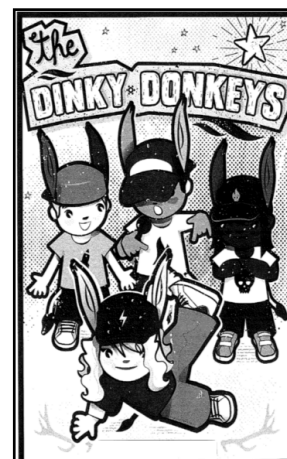
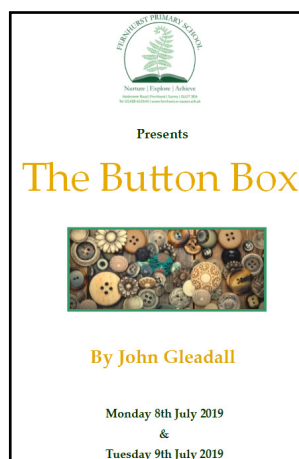
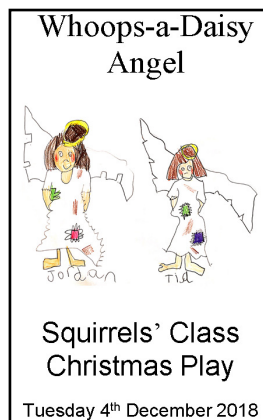
Next Year!

We offer a variety of music lessons during school hours, with the teachers often coming from West Sussex Music. Maybe your child would be interested in learning the flute, violin, clarinet, guitar, drums, ukulele, or indeed any other instrument? Please speak to Mrs Gibbon, or contact West Sussex Music for more information. If you would like your child to learn an instrument, but you are concerned about the cost, please speak to Mrs Ward or Mrs Richardson who will be happy to help.

Key2Music is a whole-class ensemble teaching programme targeted at Key Stage 2 pupils. In previous years the children have had lessons in playing the ukulele, guitar, flute and fife. From September, we are delighted to welcome Mr Will Wilkins, who will be teaching brass to Year 4 on Wednesday afternoons.

Mr Wilkins will also be offering brass lessons, if you are interested in your child learning cornet, trumpet, trombone or any other brass instrument, please again speak to Mrs Gibbon for more details.

Remember to keep letting the Office know if your child has anything musical to celebrate. We know that lots of children learn instruments and take part in events outside of school and we love to hear all about them! Every week we publish a list of certificates earned and grades passed in the weekly Newsletter!



Royal Albert Hall: In November, we have the amazing opportunity to take 25 singers from years 5 and 6 to perform at the Royal Albert Hall, as part of Banardo's Young Supporters Concerts. The school last had the opportunity in 2014 and we are delighted that our application has been accepted again. If your child enjoys singing and can commit to choir practice after school every Tuesday, then please let us know that they would like to attend via Scopay or at the Office. We will pull names from a hat if more than 25 children express an interest.



The children will need to wear matching t-shirts and we are asking parents to pay for these upfront, they will cost £7 each. If we do pull names from a hat and your child's name is not one of them, we will of course refund your money in full. Should you have any concerns about the practicalities or cost, but would like your child to participate, please speak to Sue Gibbon or Mrs Ward.

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FOR SALE: Over the years, we have had some very kind donations of guitars to the school. Numbers 3 and 4 are smaller sized guitars, probably suitable for 6-9 year olds, 1 is for 9 - 12yrs. 5 and 6 adult. From the sales of these guitars we will be looking to buy other instruments, possibly a class set of ocarinas to use in lessons! If you like to know more, please speak to Mrs Gibbon.



Please contact West Sussex Music for more information on music lessons during school time, after school and at week-ends.

Tel: 01403 286330

Email: music@westsussexmusic.co.uk

<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/page.cfm?title=music-lessons-at-school>

THE BEAUFORT SINGERS

Come and Sing at Boxgrove!
School Years 2 - 6

Do you know a child who loves to sing?

The Beaufort Singers are delighted to be hosting an afternoon of music-making for local children as part of the Boxgrove Choral Festival 2019 - participation is free!

We hope you will join us for what is certain to be an unmissable opportunity!

Tuesday 27th August 2019, Boxgrove Priory
2.30pm - 4.00pm - Singing workshop
4.15pm - 4.30pm - Short performance for family & friends

Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/BoxgroveWorkshop2019> to register your child's place. Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment!



Something for the parents!

Haslemere Community Choir **Singing in the heart of the community** Led by Janet Ayers

Join us for an enjoyable evening of singing songs from around the world in glorious harmony. Singing is great fun and promotes good mental health and wellbeing.

The choir is suitable for beginners and seasoned singers. No audition, just turn up and sing. We sing acapella and all the songs are taught by ear so no need to read music

Hasleway Community Centre
Lion Green, Haslemere GU27 1LD

Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm term time

£6 a week or £36 for a seven week half term

Janet Ayers is a Natural Voice Practitioner & Musician based in Hampshire who has been running community choirs & singing for health since 2007.

To find our more contact Janet on haslemerecommunitychoir@gmail.com
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