



28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome back! The children have all grown a few centimetres and returned full of energy and spirit having clearly enjoyed some wonderful activities and experiences both at home and on holiday. This term we have dedicated as a special Music Term and each week will feature some extraordinary opportunities for your children.

We introduced our themed term in dynamic fashion by a performance in our school hall featuring a full 37 piece orchestra from City of London Freeman's School. What an amazing sound they made including a toe tapping Queen medley that enchanted our children. Special thanks to Mrs Natalka Eaglestone from CLFS for enabling this wonderful initiative to take place.

We will be continuing our Music theme all term and look forward to inspiring the children by teaching them about a variety of instruments, styles and genres of Music. There will be many more treats to look forward to with a variety of visiting professionals coming to play and talk to us each week. We will work our way through the instruments of the Orchestra as well as enjoying 'Voice week' and 'Rock week'! We will learn about each family of instruments during our music lessons and will listen to examples of the music at various times throughout the week including while we are eating our lunch!

We are especially looking forward to hearing our own Dad's Rock Band who will play us out of Rock Week and I do ask you please to get in touch with the office so that we can assemble our super group. Percussion and vocals are needed just as much as instrumentalists. Please sign up and make your child proud!

If you would like to support this learning at home, please look out for some information in the weekly newsletter of suggested activities. Mrs Mulhern will also be setting up a board in the hall for any pictures of the instruments that the children feel inspired to draw and label following what they have learnt during the week.

Some pieces of music that the children will become familiar with during the term are:

Peter and the Wolf – Sergei Prokofiev

The Young person's guide to the Orchestra – Benjamin Britten

Carnival of the Animals – Camille Saint Saens

You will find a number of different recordings of the music on YouTube and we encourage you to listen to these at home to as part of your child's participation in this exciting term!

Special thanks to the Woodland Trust too who came to visit this week and help our children plant apple and cherry seeds which will one day turn into trees that will be planted in Langley Vale. What an amazing experience for our children who have already become very excited at the arrival of the Tree Nursery situated at the rear of the trim trail. Special thanks to Martin Boiling of the Woodland Trust and Mrs Caroline Headley for organising this.

Annie Thackray,  
Headteacher



**A BIG thank you to Mr Hogarty who was able to get 90 Easter Eggs donated for our PTA Easter Egg Hunt on 31<sup>st</sup> March, what an eggstraordinary gift.**