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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 2 Whole Class Recorder Lessons

As part of their curriculum music lessons on Tuesdays, all children in year 2 will learn to play the descant recorder.

This term we will be learning how to balance the recorder, breathe down it to produce a good tone (without screeching!), how to use our tongues to make notes of different lengths and also the fingerings for notes E, G, A, B, c and d. The children will also be using the knowledge that they have already learnt about reading different pitches and lengths of notes.

The school has provided your children with their own recorder to use in their music lesson that no other child will use. However, if you would like your child to have their own recorder to practice on at home, you can buy a quality instrument from school priced at £5:50. Some recorders sold in shops are bad quality toys that are impossible for children to play in tune with others.

In their first lesson I ensure that all of the children know that making screeching sounds is not 'playing the recorder' and ask parents to remind children of B.B.T. (Balance – Right thumb and lower lip, Breathe out gently – not blowing, Tongue – to start and end notes) and then if they continue to make screeching sounds, don't suffer, take their recorders away!

The children will not be using a recorder book but will be using the password and login that they received before Christmas to an interactive website called Charanga that they can access via computer or tablet. (I will give your children their password and login again in their next lesson)

If you would like to purchase a recorder from school please complete and return the slip below with payment and your child will receive their recorder in the following music lesson.

Yours Sincerely,

Paul Gregory
Music Teacher

Year 2 Descant Recorder Purchase Form

Child's Name Class

I would like to purchase a descant recorder for my child. I enclose £5.50.

Signed..... Date

