



# HALTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### What's Going On Next Month?

- Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Feb Year 2 Class Trip to Kenyon Hall Farm
- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb & Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb Year 3 Residential Visit to The Delamere Centre (Foxhowl)
- 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Feb Children's Mental Health Week
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Feb Safer Internet Day
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Feb to Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Feb Year 6 Residential Visit to Robinwood
- Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Feb Year 4 Class Visit to the Museum of Liverpool (including Geography Field Study)
- Half Term – 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb School Reopens



### INEOS Forgotten Forty Grant

In addition to funding the full cost of all of the class visits that have taken place this academic year – and a significant proportion of the cost of each of the residential visits that we have planned over the next 5 months – we are pleased to announce that a proportion of this funding can also be used to give a small number of our pupils the opportunity to learn how to play one of the following musical instruments:

guitar piano ukulele violin drums vocals

The best way to learn a musical instrument – or to learn how to sing (and perform) – is to begin with individual lessons; so the whole lesson is geared towards the needs and ability of the child.



It is our intention to work with at least one professional musician who will visit our school once a week; and provide a minimum of eight children with the chance to take part in a bespoke music lesson for 15-20 minutes each week (for at least 10 weeks).



It will depend on the cost and the level of interest (and commitment) to see if we can extend this offer to more children... or for a much longer period of time.

I am sure that you are aware the cost of individual music lessons does not come cheap. However, we would like to allow those children who have a genuine desire to learn how to play one of the musical instruments listed above the chance to do so.

It will also be dependent on which instruments are chosen as to which professional musician will be allocated to our



school. Therefore there is no guarantee that if you apply for your child to take part, that this will happen. For example, if you wish your child to play the piano but the majority of the children express an interest in learning how to play the violin, then (unless the tutor can play both instruments) it is unlikely that we will be able to accommodate this request.

All of the lessons will take place during the school day – so that every child has the option of taking part.

As the children in Year 5 are all currently having lessons each week on how to play the guitar – which has also been funded through this grant – priority will be given to pupils in other year groups.

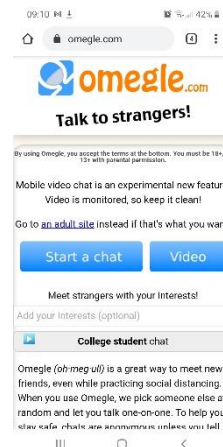
If you wish your child to take part, please send us a message on studybugs (with the title 'Totally RAD Music') with your child's name, year group and the name of the instrument that you would like them to have the option to learn. *If you wish to add any extra information, you are welcome to do so – but this is not necessary.*

We also hope to send you details of our after school Singing (Glee) Club that will be open to up to 28 pupils in the near future – as this looks like it will be happening.



Details will be sent out via studybugs and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

### Online Safety – Important Information



With Safer Internet Day on the horizon, we would like to raise your awareness and alert you to the dangers of the Omegle App.

We are aware that some of the children who attend our school are accessing this app, which enables them to contact unknown individuals.

We have been informed by Cheshire Police that it has been used by adults to entice children and young people to send and receive indecent images and recordings.

The image above has been included to enable you to check your child/ren's devices and identify whether this is an app that they may be using.

This is also an opportunity for you to speak with your child/ren about staying safe on line. We will obviously continue to include these key messages in our PSHE and Computing lessons.