



## Dunnington CE Primary School Performing Arts Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019



# Performing Arts at Dunnington

Thank you for taking the time to read Dunnington Primary's first Performing Arts Newsletter! We love to sing, dance, act and play a variety of musical instruments at our school and thought a newsletter would be a great way to share some of the exciting things that go on each term.

We are lucky to have so many talented children in attendance, and hope that as many pupils as possible will take the chance to learn a new instrument, try a club or take part in an event during their time at Dunnington Primary.

We look forward to another year of musical magic!

Miss Dunn – Music Coordinator & Dance Club leader

### What's on this term?

There are so many opportunities for children to take to the stage! Here are a few of them coming up....

**Yorkshire Schools' Dance Festival 2019** – for Year 5/6 Dance Club: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November

**Year 5/6 Production:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

**Infant Production:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

**Music Celebration Assembly** – for our tutored musicians and dancers to perform in front of the other children: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

### Clubs

Year 5/6 Dance Festival Club – Thursdays after school



Have you thought about learning a musical instrument this year?  
Read on to find out more about that.

## Looking back and leaping forwards!



### What's it like to learn an instrument?

Last year we hit record high numbers of children learning an instrument. We're hoping to inspire more pupils this year to try something new. Here is what some of our current musicians have to say...

*"I really enjoy my singing lessons, particularly being able to choose some of the pieces that I sing."* Libby Y5

*"My trumpet lessons are really fun and the tunes that I learn are great!"* Gregory Y5

*"I find it interesting to play new tunes on the violin and the teacher is really kind and encouraging, even if I make mistakes!"* Charles Y6

### Music Celebrations

Our in-house music celebration assemblies always contain the element of surprise...we've had flash mobs, contemporary dancing and hit hip hop groups in times gone by, along with some exceptionally talented musicians. Our last one finished with a wild 'Go West' dance from Year 3/4 dance club – yee-haw! Our next one is just before Christmas, so the perfect time to fit in lots of preparation for if you take music or dance lessons...

### Ukulele Whole Class Tuition

We are fortunate to have a full class set of ukuleles at Dunnington. Last year all of Year 3/4 learnt to play the ukulele, with many children choosing to learn at home as well following the lessons in school. We celebrated the children's achievements with an end of year performance which included 'A Sailor went to Sea', 'Yellow Submarine' and 'Somewhere over the Rainbow'.

This year, Year 5 will be learning the ukulele, building on two years of whole class tuition they've already had. We can't wait to hear what they play next!

*"I feel quite inspired by my ukulele lessons! I really enjoy learning something new on an instrument."* Joseph Y5

*"It was quite fun learning all of the chords and the finger positions for them. The songs were cheerful as well!"* Mia Y4

### Music Tuition Contacts

There are quite a number of peripatetic music teachers who deliver lessons in school throughout the week. Here are some of their contact details if you are interested in finding out about instrumental tuition for your child.

Jo Trevenna – singing and keyboard tuition  
07729 388372 or 01904 270604

Imogen Clarke – recorder and violin tuition  
[ivc.clarke@gmail.com](mailto:ivc.clarke@gmail.com)

Graham Young – guitar tuition  
07950 647783

[www.yorkmusicservice.co.uk](http://www.yorkmusicservice.co.uk) can be contacted directly to request tuition. Tutors include:

Rosemary Lynch – Woodwind including oboe, flute, clarinet, alto saxophone and recorder  
[rosielynch1@gmail.com](mailto:rosielynch1@gmail.com)

Ian Chalk – Brass including trumpet and cornet  
[ian@ianchalkmusic.com](mailto:ian@ianchalkmusic.com)

Tom Hudson - Drums

*Can't see your preferred instrument here? Contact Miss Dunn for more information.*