#### 10th January 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

**"STRINGS ON THE RUN"**

This term (Spring), there is the opportunity for Year 3 students to learn to play a string instrument. The project is in partnership with Bromley Youth Music Trust and will be delivered by Mrs Cebrat and Ms Harris over 5 weeks.

The instruments on offer are: **violin and cello**. We will assess which instrument is most suitable for each child. Instrument numbers are limited, so if the project is oversubscribed, **places will be on a first come first served basis**. BYMT will provide:

* 2 Group lessons each week for 5 weeks
* 1 Band rehearsal of 30 minutes each week for 5 weeks
* A concert performance showcasing the work covered
* Sheet music and a CD with play-along backing tracks
* An instrument for the project (there is a £20 deposit for pupils to take home their instrument).
* **There will be a nominal charge of £40 per student for the 5 weeks lessons.**

We do hope that you will consider this low cost ‘Strings on the Run’ introduction to playing an instrument and it is hoped that the whole project will contribute to boosting the high standard of the orchestra at Valley Primary School.

If your child wishes to take part in the project, please fill in and return the form below to the school office along with a cheque for £40 made payable to Valley Primary School, by ***Monday 15th January 2018***.

At the end of the 5 week project, when your child has had the experience of learning an instrument and knows what is required to succeed, you should be able to make an informed decision whether to continue with instrumental lessons within BYMT's normal lesson structure or stop lessons immediately. If you decide to continue lessons to develop their musical skills, this will be at a further cost shown overleaf:

Choices

* Buy an instrument - to cut down on long term costs
* Hire and buy - a scheme provided by some shops to enable buying over a period of time
* Hire from BYMT
* Hire from a shop

Shared Lessons

* 2 students sharing a 30 minute lesson £85 per 10 week term \*

Individual lessons

* 15 minutes £85 per 10 week term \*
* 20 minutes £114 per 10 week term
* 30 minutes £170 per 10 week term

**(prices quoted are based on fees set for September 2016)**

\* Parents living in the Bromley Borough in receipt of Income Based Jobseekers Allowance, Income Support or Income Related ESA will be entitled to remission of lesson fees (15 minute lessons) and instrument hire charge (if using a BYMT instrument). This remission does not cover music, accessories and examinations.

At some point you may wish to consider individual lessons, especially if you want your child to explore exam grades. All of the ideas above are to help enable you make informed decisions about your child learning an instrument.

Thank you and good luck to all of you who are going to take part, it is going to be a fantastic opportunity. Remember **“PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT “!** The key is work at it daily.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cebrat and Ms Harris

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**RE: Year 3 – Strings on the Run**

I would like my child to take part in ‘Strings on the Run’ and have enclosed a cheque for £40 made payable to Valley Primary School.

Child’s name: ……………………………………………………………. Class: ……………………………………….

Parent’s signature: …………………………………………………... Date: ………………………………………..