

# Hunters Hall Primary School Snippets

Issue: 26 March 2023

# Dates for the Diary

## **Spring Term**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April -Easter Holidays

#### **Summer Term**

Monday 17th April – Children return to school Tuesday 18th April – Zimbabwe

Independence Day (Wear the colours of the

Tuesday 18th April – Reception visiting Discover, Stratford

Wednesday 19th April – Reception visiting Discover, Stratford

Tuesday 25th April – 2D visit to Pizza

Friday 28th April – ARP visit to London Aguarium

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 1 visiting Barking

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Banji Alexander –

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – 4R & 4TH visit to Valence House

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May – 4G visit to Valence House

Dear Parent/Carer.

As we come to the end of our Spring Term, we conclude it by celebrating the achievers of the class award (see page 3 below) and the 140 children who have attended school and obtained 100% attendance despite the multitude of illnesses.

We held three assemblies today and were most impressed by the children's behaviour, supportive nature towards their peers and the certificate messages which the teachers had chosen to write about the recipients of the class awards. Furthermore, each assembly was accompanied by the wonderful Ukulele Club who practise with Mrs Bright before school each week.

We write to let you know that Mrs Didcock, who has fulfilled a variety of roles in school including: first-aider, midday assistant, and special support assistant, retires at the end of the Easter holidays. Mrs Didcock will be coming in to school on Thursday 27th April so that we can all say goodbye and wish her well.

This Easter break, we hope that all families have a wonderful time and remain safe. We look forward to welcoming everybody back on Monday 17th April 8:30a.m.

Michael Kaitell and Selina Frazer

#### Co-Headteachers





Can you spot 10 differences?

# Thrive School of Excellence



# **Team Points**

TEAM POINTS					
Tigers Tigers	559				
Bears	390				
Wolves	506				
Sharks	525				
Komodo Dragon	586				

# Attendance

Congratulations to 2A in Key Stage 1 who achieved 93.09% this week and to 5A in Key Stage 2 with 94.86%

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	92.40	2D	92.70	4TH	90.79
RH	89.34	2K	86.45	5A	94.86
RR	90.59	3G	89.02	5D	90.91
1H	92.91	3T	87.64	5Y	93.00
1K	86.90	3Z	88.24	6E	92.42
1L	87.55	4G	92.51	6L	94.51
2A	93.09	4R	86.08	6N	92.91



## School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased every Monday from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall.

Uniform can also be purchased online:

www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/schools/product-category/schools-andclubs/hunters-hall-primary/

Or

Telephone: 01992 763679

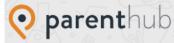
Email: info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk



## Parent Hub

We would like all parents/carers to join us on Parent Hub.

Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.



- 1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
- 2. Create yourself an account.
- 3. Choose "Add a School" and enter:

#### @HuntersHallPS

How to translate messages in the Parent Hub app (quidance for schools)

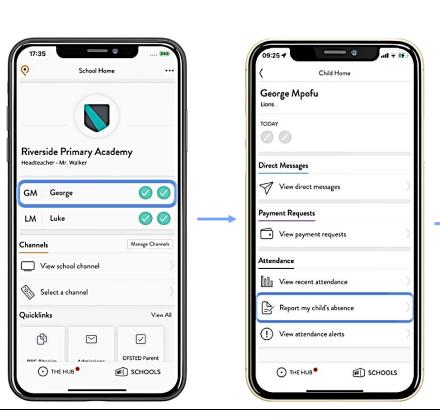
In the app, parents just tap the 'translate' button in the bottom right of a message.

This applies to old messages, as well as new ones.

To find out more, click the link below for a useful guide.

https://support.parenthub.co.uk/hc/en-us/articles/6172951020689-How-totranslate-messages-in-the-Parent-Hub-app

# Reporting absence









# End of Term Class Certificates March 2023

Class	Name	Reason	
RR	Aylin-Teodora Margina	For consistently working hard and showing excellent progress.	
RH	Esli Kasrati	For making excellent progress in her learning.	
RB	Anastasia Zala	For making progress in all areas of learning.	
1L	Olivia Thomas	For improvements in writing and reading.	
1K	Jada McKay	Jada always tries her best, whatever we are doing.	
1H	Eric Constanciuc	For always trying his best and never giving up when something becomes hard.	
2K	Isabel Lauder	For persevering and rising to any given challenge.	
2D	Ekaterina Buraga	For always being polite, ready to learn and working hard.	
2A	Nahla Ikota	For her consistent participation in lessons and comedic persona.	
3G	Skye Gosby	Improved confidence in Maths, Reading and Writing.	
3T	Sheza Imran	Continuous hard work and effort.	
3Z	Erikas Raskauskas	Persistent determination and effort to try his best in everything he does.	
4TH	Riley Pace	For always displaying positive attitude towards everyone and towards his learning.	
4G	Mahdi Ahmed	For a positive change in attitude towards his learning in all subjects.	
4R	Waziha Mehek	For always trying her best in all areas and for being helpful.	
5A	Sijmon Sein	For continued hard work and excellent attitude to learning.	
5D	Alex Cardoso	For always being polite and working hard.	
5Y	Lilly Marston	For being a great role model, always working hard and very kind to her peers.	
6E	Stephen Kemp	For his engagement and contribution in all subject areas.	
6L	Rahima Sanni	Showing effort and pride in her academic life.	
6N	Aaliyah Adegoke:	For her dedication to making progress across the curriculum!	
ARP	Siyanna Rayhat	Being a good role model and always trying her best.	

# Coming Soon: Meet Banji Alexander!

Hunters Hall has the exciting opportunity to meet London teacher and author, Banji Alexander, who will be visiting our school on the 17<sup>th</sup> May next half term!

Click here to learn more about his book, Lockdown Looms! https://banjialexander.com/banji-in-the-media



# **Bullying Explained**

## What is bullying?

Bullying is when a person is hurtful or unkind to someone else, on purpose and more than once. Bullying can be done by one person or by a group of people. A useful way to remember bullying is:

# **SEVERAL TIMES ON PURPOSE**

Bullying can be repeatedly:

- · Hitting or saying you are going to hit someone.
- Touching someone when they don't want to be.
- Calling someone names, teasing, using rude language or saying nasty things about someone to them or to other people.
- Stealing or damaging someone else's belongings.
- Ignoring someone on purpose or leaving them out and encouraging others to do the same.
- Sending hurtful or unkind texts, emails or online messages to someone or about someone.

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Bullying can be about:





- Race or ethnicity
- Religion or belief
- Family and culture
- Sexist bullying, which is bullying someone because of their gender. For
  example, because they are a boy or girl, or saying they are acting 'like a boy'
  or 'like a girl'
- Homophobic or biphobic bullying, this is saying unkind or nasty things
  because someone is a lesbian, gay or bisexual, or because you think they are,
  or because they have two mums or two dads. It is also calling someone
  lesbian, gay, bisexual on purpose to be unkind or nasty to them, for example
  'you are so gay!'
- Transphobic bullying. This is saying unkind things because someone is Trans,
  or because you think they are trans, or being nasty about trans people
  (someone who feels the gender they are given as a baby doesn't match the
  gender they feel themselves to be).
- Special educational needs or disability
- What someone looks like
- Where someone lives



By Rhaf, Rahima & Dacine (Yr 6)

# Reception Developing Vocabulary Workshop

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Reception Developing Vocabulary Workshop delivered by Miss Caisey. It was lovely to see so many of you there.











The following link is to the presentation: <a href="https://www.huntershallprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Developing-Vocabulary-Workshop-2023.pdf">https://www.huntershallprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Developing-Vocabulary-Workshop-2023.pdf</a>

# Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about the Hindu religion. They have a yearly festival called Holi. Typically, this falls in March, near the spring equinox. Holi marks the start of Spring and is a colourful event which involves paint throwing. Year 3 celebrated Holi by paint throwing. "That was so much fun!" said the children.









# Year 1 - Dino Day





# Dino Day









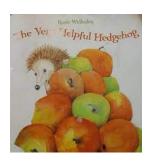






# **Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall**

Ever got stuck when choosing a book to buy or borrow from the library? Ever wondered what your teachers, family or friends like to read? Well, our new weekly book review section is just what you need! Here are Miss Liburd's recommendations:



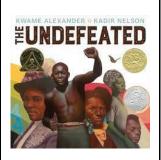
# Reading interest: 4-8

'The Very Helpful Hedgehog' by Rosie Wellesley tells the story of a lonely hedgehog and his unlikely friendship with a donkey. It always makes me laugh when I read the part where an apple gets stuck on the hedgehog's back!



# Reading interest: 8-12

Graphic novelist Kazu Kibuishi creates a world of terrible, man-eating demons, a mechanical rabbit, a talking fox, a giant robot---and two ordinary children on a mission! Sometimes it's good to read a book without too many words and to use your imagination to 'read' the pictures and put voices to the characters.



# Reading interest: 10-adult

'The Undefeated' by Kwame Alexander is a moving poem about black Americans. Although it's best read with an adult, it's a book about courage with an ending that offers hope. It was actually written in 2008 when Barak Obama became the first black president – a fantastic day in history.







Does your child have an EHCP Plan?



# Are you a parent or carer?

Does your child or young person have an EHCP plan?

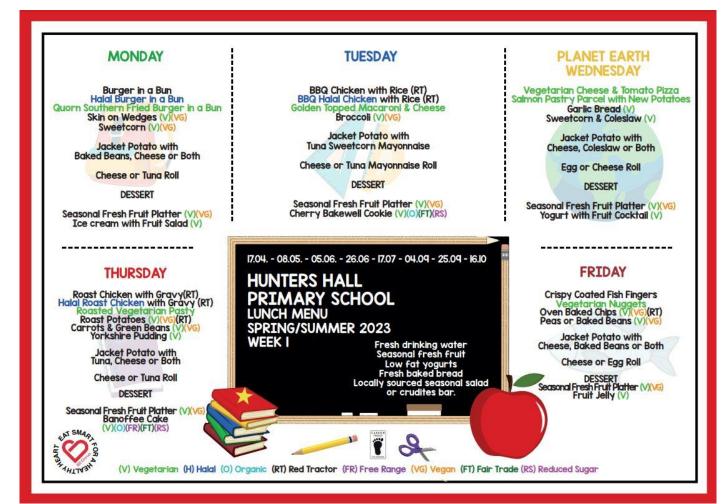
We want to invite you to take part in our survey. To access it, please scan the QR code below.

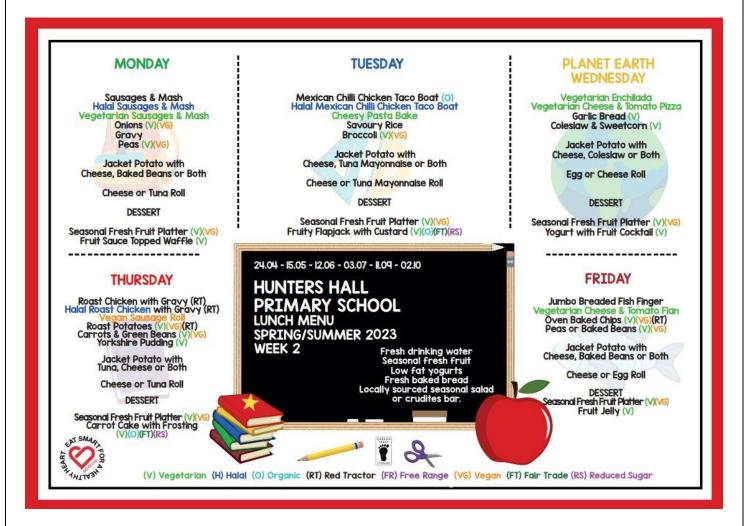
There will be a price draw for survey participants! We will be giving away two supermarket vouchers worth £20 each, make sure to enter your contact details. If you have any questions please contact us info@healthwatchbarkinganddagenham.co.uk or 0800 298 5331













# Zimbabwe Independence Day - 18th April 2023

Don't forget to wear the colours of the Zimbabwe flag on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April for Zimbabwe's Independence Day.





# **Thames Chase Spring Fayre**





# Sunday, 16 April 2023 10am – 3pm

Join us for our annual Spring event.

Celebrate the heritage of our local landscape at Thames Chase Forest Centre.

- FREE heritage book talks 10.30-11.30am
- · Make a mini scarecrow
- Sunflower seed planting
- Orchard blossom walks in partnership with Forestry England, 1pm-2pm (suggested donation £3 per person)
- · Craft stalls, plus demonstrations of local traditional crafts
- Food by The Giggly Pig company
- Drinks and refreshments provided by The Beanery



For more information call 01708 642970 or visit the Thames Chase Forest Centre, Pike Lane, Upminster RM14 3NS. Email: enquiries@thameschase.org.uk Website: www.thameschase.org.uk

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# **HUNTERS HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

ALIBON ROAD, DAGENHAM, RM10 8DE

Telephone: 020 8270 4768

Email: office@hunters-hall.bardaglea.org.uk

# **Nursery Intake September 2023**

Nursery places available for 3 and 4 year olds.

15 and 30-hour places available – please enquire.

Begin your child's education with a compassionate, dedicated knowledgeable, Nursery Teacher. The best way to prepare your child for school. We provide the ideal start to your child's educational learning journey.

AM Session

8:30am - 11:30am



PM Session

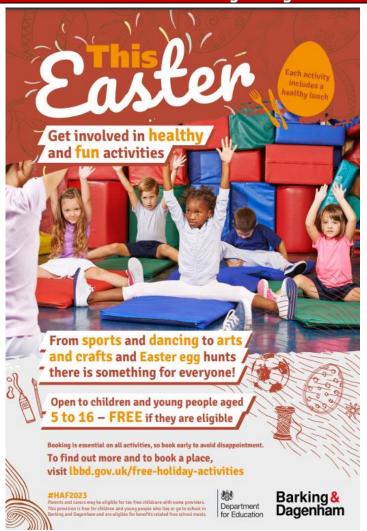
12:15pm - 3:15pm

Take part in an Easter holiday to remember

in Barking and Dagenham

Please contact the school office by telephone or email to register.

# Barking & Dagenham Easter Holiday Programme



#### Everyone Active: Abbey Leisure Centre, Bobby Moore Way, Barking 11 April to 14 April RM10 7FH Everyone Active: Becontree Heath Leisure Centre, Althorne Way, 5 to 7 Everyone Active: Becontree Heath Leisure Centre, Althorne Way, RMR 3RR Ballerz: Valence Primary, Bonham Road, Dagenham 3 April to 6 April 5 to 11 RM8 3BB Ballerz: Valence Primary, Bonham Road, Dagenham 11 April to 14 April 5 to 11 IG11 8JA Ballerz: Northbury Close, Barking 3 April to 6 April 5 to 11 Ballerz: Northbury Close, Barking 11 April to 14 April RM10 7YP DABD: Pembroke Gardens, Dagenha 3 April to 5 April 5 to 18 RM10 7YP DABD: Pembroke Gardens, Dagenham\* RM10 8UR Learning Hive: John Perry Primary School, Charles Road 11 April to 13 April 5 to 18 3 April to 6 April 5 to 12 RM9 6UU Inspire Minds Through Sports: St Peter's Goresbrook Road Dagenha 3 April to 6 April 5 to 11 Inspire Minds Through Sports: St Peter's Goresbrook Road Dagenham Inspire Minds Through Sports: William Ford, Ford Road, Dagenham Inspire Minds Through Sports: William Ford, Ford Road, Dagenham RM9 6UU 11 April to 14 April 5 to 11 RM10 9JS 11 April to 14 April 5 to 11 Sportworks: Riverside School, 40 Thames Road, Barking Sportworks: Riverside School, 40 Thames Road, Barking 3 April to 6 April 11 April to 14 April IG11 OFU IG11 8TA The Explore The Wild Easter Programme: Outdoor Bowls Pavilion 3 April to 6 April 7 to 11 Barking Park, Longbridge Road, Barking Premier Education: Manor Junior School, Sandringham Road, Barking IG11 9AG Premier Education: Manor Junior School, Sandringham Road, Barking 11 April to 14 April 5 to 12 RM9 4BL RM9 4BL Premier Education: Roding Primary School, Cannington Road, Dagent Premier Education: Roding Primary School, Cannington Road, Dagent April to 6 April 5 to 12 RM8 3EX Ultimate Vision Sports: Grafton Primary School, Grafton Road 3 April to 6 April 5 to 11 Ultimate Vision Sports: Gascoigne Primary School, The Shaftesbury Ultimate Vision Sports: Gascoigne Primary School, The Shaftesbury 11 April to 14 April IG11 7JA 5 to 11 IG11 7FP Ultimate Vision Sports: Ripple Primary School, Westbury Site, 11 April to 14 April 11 April to 14 April Ultimate Vision Sports: William Bellamy Primary School, Frizlands Lane Malearn: Thomas Arnold Primary School, Rowdowns Road Malearn: Riverside Primary School, Renwick Road, Barking RM9 6NH 3 April to 6 April 5 to 11 11 April to 14 April 5 to 11 Dancing Decades: Jo Richardson Community School 3 April to 6 April 8 to 11 Dancing Decades: Jo Richardson Community School RM9 4UN 3 April to 6 April 12 to 16 Future Youth Zone, 201-225 Porters Avenue, Dagenham Future Youth Zone, 201-225 Porters Avenue, Dagenham 3 April to 7 April RM9 5YX 10 April to 14 April 8 to 12 N.E.W.S.T.A.R.T. Extravaganza - Food Is Fun: Marks Gate Com 5 April to 6 April Hub, Rose Lane, Romford N.E.W.S.T.A.R.T. Extravaganza - Food Is Fun: Marks Gate Community Hub, Rose Lane, Romford 5 to 12 RM6 5NJ 12 April to 13 April RM9 4UN Healthy Hammers @Westham United Foundation 3 April to 6 April Jo Richardson School, Castle Green, Gale St. Dagenha RM10 8TR Ackee Tree LTD: Dagenham Parish Hall, Exeter Road, Dagenha 3 April to 6 April 12 to 16 RM10 8TR Ackee Tree LTD: Dagenham Parish Hall, Exeter Road, Dagenham 11 April to 14 April 12 to 16 3 April to 6 April 3 April to 6 April RM8 1DN Ultimate Vision Sports: Robert Clack Leisure Centre, Gosfield Road 12 to 16 Dancing Decades: Dagenham Park Church of Engla School, School Road, Dagenham

3 April to 6 April

5 to 11

Hope For Humanity: St Thomas More Catholic Church, 514 Longbridge Road, Barking

# The Holiday Activity and Food Programme

# **HAF Programme**

Free holiday activities - Holiday Activities and Food Programme

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme is open to children and young people who live or go to school in Barking and Dagenham and are eligible for benefit related free school meals. (Children living in households on income-related benefits such as universal credit and who are eligible for free school

There are lots of different free exciting activities available for children and young people aged 4 to 16, from Reception to Year 13. Children and young people can enjoy a range of activities from swimming to mindfulness, theatre to cookery workshops and much more.

### Activities will be available from Monday 4 until Friday 14 April 2023

We will provide free nutritious meals each day. Spaces are limited

If you have any questions, please contact us at <u>HAFprogramme@lbbd.gov.uk</u>.

For wider activities for all families, please visit <a href="https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/free-holiday-activities">https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/free-holiday-activities</a>

HAF is funded by the Department of Education



# Barking & Dagenham

Any family who is looking

to make changes together to be healthier and happier can request a free place. HENRY is ideal for families who are looking to eat better, become a healthier weight, be more physically active or those who are looking for support with family life.

Who is HENRY for?



Is there a cost?

Any family who is looking to make changes together to be healthier and happier can request a free place. HENRY is ideal for families who are looking to eat better, become a healthier weight, be more physically active or those who are looking for support with family life.

There is no cost for parents to attend. On completion families will receive 5 x Free leisure vouchers for weekly use of Swim, Soft play & Junior gym activities.

To sign up to HENRY programme please scan the QR code and complete the registration form





#### FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITES AVAILABLE

Easter is almost here and what better way for the kids to spend their holiday than taking part in exciting activities and making new friends?

It can be tough for parents finding things to occupy children during the holidays, that's why Barking and Dagenham council are hosting a variety of sports and activity camps.

Attending a camp is a great way for children to get outside and enjoy the fresh air, learn new skills and mingle with kids outside their immediate circle. It's a growing experience that will make them better people one day, with brighter memories of their school holidays.

Who is the programme for: Young people and children who live or go to school in the area Activities will be available from Monday 4 until Friday 14 April 2023

Please visit https://lbbd.gov.uk/newme-healthy-lifestyles and select the schools out tab for full programme list and booking information

# Free Easter Camp for FSM Eligible Students









# Mental Health Support Team









# Who are we?

We are four Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP), offering early intervention for young people with mild to moderate difficulties.

Our team work closely with young people, parents, and school staff to think together about ways to improve mental wellbeing within your school environment

# Who do we work with?

Parents or Carers of pupils from reception to year 6 with mild-moderate levels of:

- Anxiety (e.g. fears, phobias, feeling panicky)
- Challenging behaviour (e.g. struggling to follow rules, temper tantrums, difficulty following requests)

Whole classes or year groups (delivering assembles and workshops)



# Aims of our Team

- Provide early psychological support
- Support the school's wholeschool approach to wellbeing
- Signposting to specialist service



For more information please speak to your mental health lead or get in touch MHST.BD@nelft.nhs.uk

# BREAKFAST CLUB



Our breakfast club is open term time only Monday to Friday, 7:45 to 8:30am.

No booking is required, you can turn up on the day and pay.

The charge is £3 per day, you are required to accompany your child into our breakfast club and stay with them until they have been marked in on our daily register.

You are required to have the correct money for payment.

Please note that payments in advance are non-refundable and non-transferable therefore if you choose to pay in advance and your child does not attend you lose that money.





#### **SECOND HAND UNIFORM**

### **DONATIONS NEEDED**

A big thank you to everyone who has previously donated. We always need more good quality second hand uniform items. Has your child grown out of theirs? Please donate to the school and come along to one of our sales for bargain replacements!

Winter coats and shoes also welcome.

Please bring any donations in a bag to the school office.







Thank you



## DHP Scheme

# Are you struggling to afford your rent payments?



# Do you have rent arrears? Do you need help with a deposit?

Help is available through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) scheme

Visit https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionaryhardship-support/discretionary-housing-payments-dhp

To find out more and apply online

You must be in receipt of Housing Benefit or Universal Credit housing costs to qualify for a DHP





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# Household Support Fund

# Are you struggling with the rising cost of living?



#### Do you have utility debts?

Help is available to support the rising cost of living for energy & utility costs, food and other emergency need through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Hardship schemes

Visit https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionary-hardship-support/hardship-payment-schemes/household-support-fund

to find out more and apply online





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# IN ROCKERS

# FOR RECEPTION TO YEAR 2

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. No experience or instrument required.



# **ROCK ICONS**

# FOR YEARS 5 AND 6

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Years 5 and 6. No experience or instrument required.

### https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/info-for-parents

#### Learn to play in a band

instrument required.

Learning an instrument should be fun. Your child can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals and enjoy playing in a happy, supportive environment with their friends.

#### Lead by real musicians

Your child's music teacher should also be their role model. Which is why all Rocksteady Band Leaders are carefully chosen, extensively trained musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of playing music.

#### In school time

Lessons are 30 minutes long and take place in school time with all instruments provided, making it hassle-free for parents.

#### From first notes to favourite songs

The Rocksteady Programme is for all children aged 4-11 and is proven to progress musicianship, confidence and teamwork skills with no prior experience necessary.

## With regular live performances

Playing on stage is a huge confidence booster. With termly concerts at school assemblies, your child will be able to show off their progress to friends, teachers and parents with the rest of their band.

#### And happily affordable

Rocksteady is one of the most hassle-free ways to learn an instrument on a rolling subscription that you can cancel at any time. It's risk free too - cancel in the first month and you'll get a full refund.

Call 0330 113 0330