

Fosbrook Folk Education Trust

Providing music, dance and song opportunities for

'YOUNG FOLK' IN THE NORTH WEST

Based at: Banks Lane Junior School, Hemphaw Lane, Offerton, Stockport SK 1 4 PR

Dear Parents and Carers,

Now that we have settled into our new academic year I would like to introduce myself to parents of lower school children. I am the Director of the Fosbrook Folk Education Trust which works in partnership with Banks Lane Junior School. I am also the music co-ordinator for the school. I teach music and RE at Banks Lane and organise the extra-curricular music too.

You may not be aware that Fosbrook Folk Education Trust run classes each Saturday morning in term time. These classes are for children who are interested in being part of the Fosbrook performance group and are for both girls and boys. Currently we have a few vacancies for children in years 3 and 4 to start.

There have been traditional music and dance performance groups based at Banks Lane for 36 years now. The youngest children are encouraged to perform at community and school events. The intermediate age group start to travel and attend residential courses too. The older performance groups travel all over the world and act as ambassadors for the UK at international festival.

Fosbrook students achieve well right through their schooldays because they are well organised and hard working. The younger ones look up to the older ones who, in turn, act as good role models through displaying excellent behaviour.

Despite these encouraging factors, it is not a good plan just to decide that you want your child to attend. Your child would need to be interested and willing, so some discussion and informed choices are advisable. To help you to do this, here are some answers to frequently asked questions about Saturday mornings:-

Question 1: What happens on Saturdays?

Answer 1: All the members of the classes take part in social dance, instrumental work, percussive step dance and singing.

Question 2: Is there a choice of instruments?

Answer 2: The main choice of instruments in our performance band are accordion and violin.

Question 3: Are there any other options?

Answer 3: We also encourage students to learn the piano, flute, music ICT and music theory. There are always a couple of bass guitarists too so that there is always a bass player in the senior group.

Question 4: How much does it cost for Saturday classes?

Answer 4: The Saturday morning session costs £4 for 9.30 to 12.30.

Question 5: Do the children need any special equipment or clothing?

Answer 5: The children need comfortable clothes which are suitable for dancing and playing games at break. Once commitment is shown we provide instruments and dance shoes.

Question 6: Is there a break?

Answer 6: We have a break and tuck is on sale. Most children bring 50p or £1 to spend. It is perfectly OK for families to send a snack instead. We have a toy box with skipping ropes, bats, Frisbees and balls to play with once the children have had their snacks.

Question 7: What would happen if my child felt ill during classes?

Answer 7: On the first morning a form is filled in with all your contact details so that we can get in touch with you to come and collect your child. There are lots of other adults and older children there on Saturdays. *(These all have documentation to show that they are CRB checked)*. These kind people would look after your child until you arrive.

If your child would like to attend an introductory session or if you have any further queries please email me on this address: -

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