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Our Vision

To be a learning community that promotes the unique gifts, wellbeing and potential of every person. Our work is founded on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, building on His message of equality, peace and justice, guided by His words 'As I have loved you, so you must love one another' (John 13:34).

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Dear Families,

RECORDER TUITION AT ST MARY'S SCHOOL

I hope the children are enjoying their recorder lessons so far. In the next few weeks I shall be issuing the recorders and they will be having a shared lesson and group session each week.

Recorder bags

Some children have not been bringing their record bags to school. It's really important they bring these in each Monday so that we can ensure the practice tasks are in the book and the children can get their practice days and practice stars marked on the poster.

Getting into a good practice routine from the start means the children learn tunes faster, develop a great sound and become self-sufficient with the practice sooner (which all makes a busy parent's life much easier). But of course, like many things we need children to do, it doesn't always go to plan! Please don't worry if you have difficulties or resistance with practice at home. Practice only needs to be a few minutes and I have plenty of advice, games and strategies to help with this so feel free to get in touch via email if you want some extra support.

Water flutes

Some younger children will be loaned a 'water flute' before they are given a recorder. This is to help them practise where to place the recorder and develop good breath control. These are my own personal resources, so please note I cannot issue the water flute if the recorder bag is not brought to school. The water flute *must* be returned the following week as any lost or damaged ones will be chargeable.

Listening tracks

You will have already been sent a link to the tunes we will be learning, so any listening will help speed their progress (listening to the tracks counts as practice!).

Looking forward to working with the children when they get their recorders!

Julie

Recorder Teacher

