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Dear Parents and Carers,

Upon their return to school after the festive break, on Wednesday 5th January and Thursday 6th January, all year groups will be treated to an energising exploration of drumming and dance, led by Jude and Itara from Nottingham music and dance company, BeatFeet (www.beatfeetdrumming.co.uk). This is to link with our whole school cross-curricular topic which all children will be involved in for the first week of term: 'This is Africa'.

All children, including nursery, will take part in a fun and engaging group drumming experience, using djembe drums from West Africa. They'll learn lots about the geography and music of the region, all whilst sharing magical musical moments together.

All children, excluding nursery, will also have the opportunity to dance with a leading dance practitioner, where they'll embark upon a journey through West Africa; discovering traditional dances through fun storytelling.

These sessions are carefully crafted to not only enhance children's knowledge and experience of joyful music making and dance, but also to develop their social, emotional and communication skills, all whilst interacting with their peers.

The costs for the workshops are as follows:

Children in nursery (one workshop) £2.60

Children in F2-Y6 (two workshops) £5.20

Please pay this on Pay 360 under the events tab by Friday 31st December 2021.

We are looking forward to welcoming BeatFeet into our school and we know that all year groups will have an amazing time learning about music and dance from West Africa, and experiencing these art forms for themselves.

If you have any queries about the workshops, the week itself or if you have any resources or ideas that may enhance the learning for the children, please contact me on: jfrench@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk.

Best wishes,

Mrs J French
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