



12<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents / Caregivers

In Music this term, we have been looking at the American performance group who perform STOMP. This group uses everyday items, which some may refer to as 'junk' to produce fantastic percussion soundscapes and rhythm pieces. The STOMP performances have been conducted worldwide, to critical acclaim.

Presently we are using the percussion instruments in the Music room, as well as using drumsticks to find unusual sounds around the classroom and will also be moving outside, at a later date, to use the playground to discover some great sounds that would work for their own STOMP performance.

As part of this learning experience, we are going to create our own "Junk Band", using items that the students bring in from home. I am writing to ask if you can help your child to choose a piece of "junk" that they think would make a great percussion noise.

These items can be found in the house, or even better, things from the shed. In previous years that I have helped my students create their "Junk Band", students have brought in a wide range of pieces including:

- Old metal hubcaps
- Pieces of chain
- Nuts and bolts threaded onto a piece of Reo bar
- Nuts and bolts in a container (not glass)
- Rice or other dried beans/pulses in a container or gladwrap tube with the ends sealed.
- Pieces of alfoil that can be scraped along a surface
- Old newspapers

The possibilities are endless and this is a great opportunity for you and your child to work together to find the best and most interesting items that produce a unique sound. If these pieces could please be brought in by the beginning of Week 8, it would be greatly appreciated. I will store each class's pieces in the Music room, ready for use.

Thank you, in advance, for helping your child explore the musical world around them and being part of their own "Junk Band".

Thank you for your time.

Kind Regards  
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