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‘Valuing Everyone As Learners’

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Dear Parents/Carers,

On the morning of Wednesday 19th June, we are excited to announce that Jeff Rich, former drummer of the Rock Band, Status Quo, will be coming to Giffards to perform his Drumming and Percussion Masterclass for the KS2 pupils.

This masterclass offers not only a first-hand insight into the music industry - without doubt an area of interest to the majority of our pupils - but also an enjoyable and educational experience.

Jeff left Status Quo after 16 years (1986 – 2000) of touring and recording to concentrate full time on developing and presenting these Masterclasses. For the past 15 years he has performed his drum workshop in over 7,000 Primary and Senior schools throughout the UK and as far afield as the Falkland Islands.

The workshop is split into two sections and lasts for an hour and a half with a short break in the middle. The whole workshop is hands on for all pupils.

The first part will showcase the history of the drum, how it developed from Africa, right through to the modern snare drum and pupils will be invited up to play the different drums.

The second part deals with the drum kit, and how it functions, and again, pupils are invited up to play parts of the kit.

Jeff will then play a solo to show how versatile a kit can be. After the solo, up to 150 pupils at a time will be invited up to play percussion with him. Time permitting, there will be a question and answer session at the end.

Please help us to spread the word about this exciting opportunity by talking to your children about it and showing them some YouTube videos of him drumming with Status Quo.

Thank you for your cooperation and support,

Mrs Linard
(Music Subject Lead)

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