

*Cranbrook Colourstrings
School Newsletter*

Spring 2020

Hallo Everyone!

There has been much music-making and enjoyment in kindergarten, musicianship and instrumental lessons this term, with plenty to challenge and stimulate our young musicians.

Concerts

Last term we held our end of term concert in the Mission Church, Sandhurst. The children performed with pleasing confidence. They entertained us with a wonderful variety of charming pieces, displaying their growing chamber music and soloistic skills. Some lovely Indonesian instruments were played to accompany the singing and after the concert members of the audience had great fun having a go at playing them too!

Spring Term Concert

**Venue: St George's Church,
The Green, Benenden**

Date: Saturday 7th March

Time: 4.30pm

Do put this date in your diaries and come along and listen, even if your child is still in kindergarten. Experiencing live music-making can make a great impression on children and help them decide what instrument they might like to play one day. The concert will be very informal and will last for about an hour. Everyone will have a chance to join in with some singing at the end and the concert will be followed by some well-deserved refreshments, so that will be tea sorted!

GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

After the concert children from the audience will be encouraged to spend a few minutes having a go on the cello, violin and piano. Our instrumental teachers will all be on hand. The idea is for the children in the kindergarten classes to have an opportunity to find out what it's like to hold the instruments and to draw a few notes from them. Every instrument has a distinct character, as do children and it's important to give children the opportunity to have a go and see how they respond.

Music to listen to...

Each week the children listen to a piece of classical music for a short period.

This term's listening music:

Handel:

Sonata for Violin + Piano
In F major Op 1 No 12
2nd mvt: Allegro

Mozart:

String Quartet No16 in E flat major
4th mvt: Allegro Vivace

Debussy:

'Clair de Lune'
from Suite Bergamasque

Music Kindergarten Repertoire

The 'Singing Rascal' series of books and CDs are EXCLUSIVE to Colourstrings and make up the core repertoire of our music kindergarten and instrumental programmes. Most of you have bought these materials, but if you haven't yet, I **strongly** encourage you to buy the set of books and CDs. They are exceptionally well presented, musically, and will give hours of pleasure to child and parent alike. Children get to know the songs really thoroughly, which benefits them in the class and parents and siblings are able to sing along and enjoy the songs with them too.

As the children progress through the classes, we revisit all the songs, and our activities get increasingly sophisticated as the children develop their listening, pitching, reading and fine and gross motor skills, so you

will find that these materials will last right through the music kindergarten years and into the instrumental years too. As such they I think you will agree that they represent incredible value. Ingrid has a supply of both books and CDs.

Books: £6.50 CDs: £6

Term Dates

Spring Term:

6th January – 27th March
(Half term: 17th – 23rd February)

Summer term:

Monday 20th April - Friday 10th July
(Half term: Mon 25th – Fri 9th May)

Have an enjoyable remainder of term!

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