

*Cranbrook Colourstrings School*  
*Newsletter*

**Summer 2023**

Hallo Everyone!

Some wonderful singing, dancing and playing of instruments has been going on this term and much fun has been had by all!

**Concerts**

Last term all the children who are currently learning instruments with Colourstrings had the opportunity to perform to an enthusiastic audience of parents, siblings, friends and grandparents in St George's Church, Benenden. Everyone who heard them was thrilled to hear how much these young musicians had improved since they last heard them in the Christmas concert. Well done to all!

A pleasing variety of music was performed, both instrumental and vocal with the children demonstrating their chamber music skills and ability to depict many different styles in their playing and singing. As ever, the children and adults in the

audience delighted us all with their enthusiastic participation in the singing!

**Summer Term Concert**

**Venue: St George's Church,  
Benenden TN17 4DL**

**Date: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

**Time: 3.30pm**

Do put this date in your diaries and come along and listen, even if your child is still in kindergarten. The concert will be very informal. 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.

We would like the older kindergarten children to perform a song or two as well as including the smallest children in some of their favourite songs. Everyone in the audience will be encouraged to join in with some singing at the end and the concert will be followed by some well-deserved refreshments. If the weather is fine, we will have a picnic on the green in front of the church, so please bring a picnic blanket and a contribution to the picnic.

**Music to listen to...**

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

This term's listening music:

## **Purcell**

The Chair Dance  
from 'The Prophetess'

## **Mozart:**

Piano Trio in G K564  
3<sup>rd</sup> mvt: Allegro

## **Grieg:**

Norwegian Dance

## **SINGING RASCAL BOOKS** **CDs and audio files**

These attractive, colourful books and their accompanying CD or audio file form the **core repertoire** for our music kindergarten and instrumental programmes.

Most of you will have bought the set of 3 books and CDs/audio files.

If you haven't got them all, you can buy them online at **colourstringsbooks.com**

They cost £7.50 each.

Enjoying them with your children over the long summer holidays will help them to remember all they have learnt over the year and to look forward to more singing when we return in the Autumn term.

**Listening** regularly to music with your child will give them the opportunity to hear a great variety of music and they might well be drawn to a

particular instrument, so apart from attending our concerts at the end of each term, try listening to **Classic FM**, which offers short extracts from longer works. You might well find that your child is drawn to the sounds of a particular instrument. Let me know how you get on and what music seems to appeal to your child the most!

## *Spread the word.....*

As we all know, the best recommendations tend to be via word of mouth so if you know anyone who might be interested in our classes **do encourage them to come along!** (The best way for them to get in touch with me is to give me a ring or send me an email – see contact details below.)

If you can place a Colourstrings flyer or two on a noticeboard somewhere, just let me know and I'll give you some. Many thanks!

End of term: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

Have an enjoyable remainder of term!

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