

***Cranbrook Colourstrings
School Newsletter***

Spring 2017

Hallo Everyone!

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

Concerts

Last term we held our end of term concert for the first time in the Mission Church in Sandhurst. It proved to be a lovely venue. The children entertained us with a wonderful variety of charming pieces, displaying their growing chamber music and soloistic skills. Our youngest musicians were eager to demonstrate what they had learnt since September and they performed with ease and conviction to a delighted audience!

Saturday 18th March
Spring Term Concert

**Venue: The Mission Church,
Sandhurst,
Back Road, TN18 5JU**

Time: 5pm

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 for the little ones!

**INSTRUMENTAL
DEMONSTRATIONS.....**

Instrumental demonstrations to the after-school kindergarten children take place in the spring and summer terms each year. This is so that each child who may wish to take up an instrument with us can make an informed decision about which one s/he would prefer.

(It is very important that the child choose the instrument: the character of both the child and the instrument need to 'fit' if at all possible.)

The children will be hearing demos on the violin, cello and piano by graduates of the Colourstrings

Kindergarten and they will have an opportunity to have a little go on each instrument themselves.

Not all children will be ready to start an instrument in September. Do have a word with Ingrid if you would like to discuss the matter with her.

Music to listen to...

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

This term's listening music:

Bach:

Orchestral Suite No 2 in B minor
'Badiniere'

Schubert:

Octet in F major D803
Allegro and Trio

Manuel de Falla:

Suite populaire Espagnole
'Nana'

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. 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 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. Do ask Ingrid for more details.

Books: £7 CDs: £7

Baby Class!

We would love to start a baby class. We have some mums and babies eager to begin, but need a few more, so do spread the word amongst your friends who have very young children. The earlier they start Colourstrings, the better! Our website is full of useful information for those who would like to find out more about this wonderful approach of teaching music to children.

Term Dates

Spring Term:

9th January – 24th March
(Half term: 11th – 19th February)

Summer term:

Tuesday 18th April - Friday 7th July
(Half term: Mon 27th May – Fri 4th June)

Have an enjoyable remainder of term!

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