

# ***Cranbrook Colourstrings School Newsletter***

## **Autumn 2016**

Hallo Everyone!

Our term has got off to a great start with much enjoyment in kindergarten, musicianship, instrumental and ensemble lessons. A very warm welcome to the children who have recently joined the Colourstrings programme. Hopefully you will feel well settled in by now.

### **Concerts**

Last year the children in the instrumental programme gave three concerts. The musicianship groups delighted us with their singing and the instrumental performances varied from charming to magnificent! The children displayed exceptional listening skills as well as conviction in their playing. We were treated to a musical feast of chamber music. Younger siblings who had been listening dutifully in the audience delighted in the opportunity to perform too as they lustily sang their favourite songs! As ever, each concert was rounded off with the audience joining the children for a final song or two. It was so rewarding to hear, during the course of the year's concerts, how much the children had progressed in their playing and their eagerness to share their musical achievements with the audience. We all came away feeling inspired by what we had heard! These performances were the culmination

of much dedication and hard work on the part of the children, their teachers and parents, so well done to everyone!

This year there will be three concerts for the instrumentalists. Do 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.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 5pm**  
**Autumn Term Concert**

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

We are delighted to have the opportunity to perform in this venue for the first time. It promises to be an enjoyable concert so do put the date in your diaries and come along. Absolutely everyone is welcome to come to this concert. There will be singing as well as playing and the concert will be very informal, with the audience joining in with some of the songs, so our youngest children in the Kindergarten are especially welcome. The concert will last for about an hour and will be followed by some well-deserved refreshments, so that will be tea sorted for the little ones!

## Music to listen to...

Each week the children listen to a piece of classical music for a short period. Over the course of the term we listen to three very contrasting pieces of music from different eras. Listed below are the pieces we have been listening to this term:

### **Corelli**

Concerto No 9 in F major  
4<sup>th</sup> mvt: Menuetto: Vivace

### **Beethoven**

Symphony No 6 in F major  
1<sup>st</sup> mvt: Allegro ma non troppo

### **Debussy**

Arabesque No 1

## 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 as they will greatly enhance your child's Colourstrings experience. 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 I think you will agree that they represent incredible value.

**They will make great Christmas presents!**

**Books: £7    CDs: £7**

## Term Dates

**Autumn** term ends Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**Spring** term:

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March  
(Half term: Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb)

Have an enjoyable remainder of term!

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