

***Cranbrook Colourstrings***  
***School Newsletter***  
**Autumn 2021**

Hallo Everyone!

We have had a lovely term, with much enjoyment in kindergarden, musicianship, instrumental and ensemble lessons. Welcome to the children who have recently joined us.

**Concerts**

Last term the children in the instrumental programme gave a lovely concert at St George's Church, Benenden. A wonderful variety of music was performed and then we went out onto the Green and the musicianship groups sang in the sunshine to the delight of everyone listening! As ever, each concert was rounded off with the audience joining the children for a final song. After such a tricky year, with Covid restrictions, it was so rewarding to hear the children performing live and to see how much they 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 kindergarden. Experiencing live music-making can make a great

impression on children and help them decide what instrument they might like to play one day.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 3pm

**Autumn Term Concert**

**Venue: St Mary the Virgin Church, Goudhurst TN17 1BL**

We are delighted to have the opportunity to perform in this lovely church again. 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 Kindergarden are especially welcome. The concert will last for about an hour and will be followed by some well-deserved refreshments, so that will be supper sorted for the children!

**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 8 in G minor  
3<sup>rd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> mvts: Vivace + Allegro

**Schubert**

Symphony No 5 in B flat.  
1<sup>st</sup> mvt: Allegro

**Chopin**

Nocturne Op 9 No 2 - Andante

## Music Kindergarten Repertoire

Most of you have purchased the 'Singing Rascal' series of books and CDs which are EXCLUSIVE to Colourstrings and make up the core repertoire of our music kindergarten and instrumental programmes. I hope you are making the best possible use of them by playing them in the car, at bath, supper or bedtime! 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. I have all three books and CDs in stock, so do ask me if you would like to purchase some, or indeed all, of them!

**They will make great Christmas presents!**

**Books: £6.50    CDs: £6**

## *Spread the word...*

AS EVER, WORD OF MOUTH IS THE VERY BEST WAY TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO SAMPLE SOMETHING NEW, SO IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WITH A YOUNG CHILD, DO RECOMMEND COLOURSTRINGS TO THEM! IN THE UNDER 3'S CLASSES IT IS SOMETHING THEY CAN DO WITH THEIR CHILD AND BOTH PARENT AND CHILD WILL MAKE FRIENDS AS WELL AS EXPERIENCING LOVELY MUSIC-MAKING!

**Under 3s :** Monday mornings

**3-4s, 4-5s and 5-6s:** Tues. afternoons.

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.)

## Term Dates

**Autumn** term ends

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December

**Spring** term:

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
(Half term: Sat 12<sup>th</sup> – Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Feb)

Have an enjoyable remainder of term and a wonderful Christmas!

*Ingrid Sellschop*

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