

Rocksteady

Tuesday morning saw our Christmas Rocksteady concert, in front of the rest of school and invited family members. As always, our amazing musicians wowed us all with their talent and it is obvious how much progress they have made since our last concert. Of course, we also have some brand-new musicians who were eager to show us their newly acquired skills, and it is wonderful to see the confidence and enthusiasm that our young performers demonstrate.

There was much cheering, clapping and singing along, led by Sam, our brilliant bandleader, and everyone – musicians and audience – had so much *fun!*

Children need no prior musical knowledge to join a Rocksteady band; they can choose electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals. If you would like more information about Rocksteady, go to:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>



Christmas Performances

We were delighted to see so many family members at our Christmas performances and to know that so many of you enjoyed watching them as much as we enjoyed performing for you. We hope they conveyed the true spirit of the Christmas season.



Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair, in whatever way.



We raised £1040, which will be used to provide extra resources for the school.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to **Christmas Jumper Day**. We had a great selection of jumpers and raised **£221.06** on the day and with the collection taken at the Christmas performances. Thank you all for your support.



We have had another amazing, jam-packed term, with our children benefiting from additional learning experiences provided by **visitors** to the school as well as **trips** out. We have welcomed our Year 4 children to **Cubs** and our Year 3 children have been taking part in our inaugural **Community Rangers** scheme, concentrating on improving our school environment. We have joined with other schools for **sporting** and **community** events. Children from all years have taken on **positions of responsibility**. We look forward to doing it all again – and more – in 2020!

Boys Really Can Dance

Some of our Year 6 boys have been working with students and staff from Christ's College to demonstrate that dancing is not just for girls. After only four weeks' practice, they put on a performance for their classmates, saying it was a lot of effort, but great fun and they would definitely recommend it as the results were worth it.



There are many reasons why boys (and girls) should dance: it builds strength and coordination, improves posture, builds confidence, allows self-expression, improves overall health, teaches teamwork and can provide opportunity.

Dancing offers the ability to build physical and mental strength, preparing boys to become strong and confident men in the future. Dancing has no barriers; the stereotypes of yesteryear are being dissolved, opening up more doors for boys in the industry.