

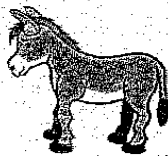
ST. CROSS GO NUTS!

Coconuts that is — in their Easter Play with a modern twist. Coconut shells, as well as bells, chimes and recorders accompanied all the singing during the 45 minute long play, set in a News Room with roving reporters in Jerusalem. All the children from Year 4 played bells and chimes to accompany either the song about 'the violent disturbance in the Temple' or 'Barabbas Goes Free'.

All the songs were lively and fun to sing, oh, and the coconut shells accompanied two songs about the Donkey and his part in the Easter Story.

Here is what the children had to say about their first experience of playing handbells:

Charlotte: "I enjoyed learning



lots of songs and chords."

Sebastian:

"I loved playing in front of my family! My dad said I was really good!"

Jack: "I like the sound that it made!"

Evelyn: "I enjoyed playing it. It was really fun and I think I would like to play more bell ringing because it's really calming."

Lily: "I liked learning all the chords and getting to know all about the skill of bell ringing."

Finley: "I love the way it sounded all together."

Elizabeth: "I found it quite hard but I still really enjoyed it!"

Lorena: "I liked it because it encouraged me to do new songs and it's very interesting to play it in front of everyone."

Isabelle: "I liked playing in front of my family and also because we were learning a new instrument, it was interesting."

Anthony: "It was really hard at first but then after

practising, it felt easy!"

I am looking forward to taking these pupils for their music lesson in September and working towards their first crescendo awards.

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