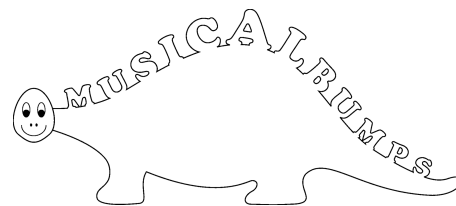


# Musical Bumps

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## MUSICAL BUMPS SEVENOAKS & RIVERHEAD NEWS Autumn 2012



Hello everyone,

We've had some lovely classes so far this term, with lots of happy songs to cheer ourselves up when it's been wet and cold outside, and a spooktacular last week of half term with some fantastic pumpkin faces being pulled by the 2 and 3 year olds!

There's lots more to look forward to between now and Christmas:



### Charity Christmas party!

Join us for lots of seasonal songs and rhymes, plus refreshments and mince pies, on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 10am**, at St Mary's church hall, Riverhead TN13 3DR. Tickets are £5.00 per child; participating siblings half price. Book early to guarantee your space! Tickets will be available in class from 20<sup>th</sup> November. All the proceeds of the Christmas party will be donated to our chosen charity, Jessie's Fund, and more information about this very worthwhile cause can be found on the next page.



### Musical Mums!

If you fancy some grown-up singing (and a glass of wine!) then why not come along to Musical Mums on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30-9.30pm at Kings Hill Community Centre, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, ME19 4LG. This is an opportunity to meet some of the mums from other Musical Bumps classes across the area and sing together. Those of you who went to a Musical Mums evening last year will know that they were a great success with lots of

laughter and some wonderful singing! Many of the mums had never sung in a group before but everyone had a fantastic time! If you'd like to know more, contact Ruth or email [choir@musicalbumps.com](mailto:choir@musicalbumps.com).

### Saturday classes

These monthly classes are a fun and relaxed way to start your weekend and socialise with other Musical Bumps families. We have a fantastic mix of adults at these classes; mums, dads, working parents and even grandparents, which all adds to the unique atmosphere of these groups. Sessions can be booked in advance or a space reserved the week before each class. This term's classes are **17<sup>th</sup> November** and **8<sup>th</sup> December** at 10am at Christchurch URC, Littlecourt Road.

### Facebook – prize draw: win a CD!

[facebook.com/MusicalBumps.SevenoaksRiverhead](https://www.facebook.com/MusicalBumps.SevenoaksRiverhead).

Everyone who 'likes' our facebook page will be entered into a draw to win a Musical Bumps CD of their choice! The draw will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> January so please 'like' us by then to be included! Our facebook page has lots of information about what's going on in class as well as tips and information about singing with young children. The winner will be notified during the first week of next term.

### Musical Bumps CDs and NEW lullaby CD!

We are delighted to announce that our third Musical Bumps CD, Lullaby Baby, will be released later this month! Containing many of the lullabies we sing at Musical Bumps and more, it is perfect relaxation music for babies and young children. All our CDs cost £8

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each, include our most popular Musical Bumps songs and are available from class.

### **Netmums poll – Thanks for voting for us!**

Many of you will know that Musical Bumps in Sevenoaks was voted a winner in the recent poll for favourite preschool classes among West Kent Netmums members, coming second overall. Thanks once again for your support!



### **Puppets and instruments for sale!**

Our sister company, Music for Starters, stocks all the puppets, instruments and props that we use in class, along with lots of excellent CDs for children and other musical props. Do have a look at their website [www.musicforstarters.com](http://www.musicforstarters.com) - they make great Christmas presents and stocking fillers! Orders made by the end of November can be delivered to you at class during the last week of term, saving postage! More information from Ruth.

### **Term dates**

We finish for the Christmas holidays on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The spring term starts week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> January. Booking forms for the new term will be available from week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Introduce a friend**

Don't forget you are entitled to a discount of 10% off your next term's fees if you introduce a friend who signs up for weekly classes! Vouchers are available from Ruth.

### **Jessie's Fund – our nominated charity**



Musical Bumps is a proud supporter of Jessie's Fund, a charity which helps and supports seriously ill and disabled children through the use of music therapy. Over the last few years Musical Bumps families have donated in excess of £5,000 to the charity through Christmas parties and teddy bears' picnics.

As we know from our sessions, children respond particularly well to music, and it is a medium through which other skills, such as language, counting, social and listening skills can be learned and developed.

It is not surprising, then, that music is used therapeutically to aid individuals with a wide range of conditions, from Autism Spectrum disorders to learning disabilities, physical disabilities and cancer. Music can provide a form of communication for those who would otherwise struggle to interact or socialise with others. Learning to express themselves through music gives patients confidence and allows them to learn important skills that they are able to transport to their everyday lives.

Jessie's Fund helps seriously ill and disabled children in hospices, hospitals, children's centres, schools and their own homes by providing access to music. This could be through a qualified music therapist, provision of access to instruments, or by training staff to help these children to communicate and learn via this extremely important tool. Please help us to support Jessie's Fund in this important work.

**Thank you to you and your children for lots of great singing and plenty of fun. I look forward to singing some festive songs with you later this half term!**

*Ruth*