

# Musical Bumps

real music... real education ... real fun!



## MUSICAL BUMPS SEVENOAKS & RIVERHEAD NEWS Autumn 2013



### Hello everyone,

Well, summer is now a distant memory but we had a busy time at Musical Bumps, running holiday courses and attending local events, like the Kentish Food Fair. It was lovely to see some familiar faces and fantastic to receive such great support.

There is still plenty to look forward to in the coming weeks. We are singing lots of autumnal themed songs this term, about everything from the weather, to seasons and Halloween, and let's not forget that Christmas is just round the corner(!), so it will soon be time to start brushing up on Jingle Bells!

### Term dates

The autumn term finishes on **13<sup>th</sup> December** and the spring term starts on **7<sup>th</sup> January**.

### New Friday venue: Stag Theatre

Our new venue at the House in the Basement at the Stag Theatre is proving popular, with a bright room, and lots of comfy sofas for refreshment time! Parking at South Park car park is convenient, and those who attend the Friday sessions are eligible for special offers on food and drink at the PUP Cafe either before or after their Musical Bumps session(subject to availability).

### Christmas Party – Save the Date!



It may still seem like a long way off but before we know it Christmas will be upon us once again! Last year we raised £320 for Jessie's Fund, through the Musical Bumps Christmas parties and they were such a success that I intend to hold them

again this year. The parties will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9.45 and 11.00. Tickets will be on sale later in November.

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 music therapy, provision of instruments, or by training staff. Please help us to support Jessie's Fund in this important work.

### Review Musical Bumps!

We are listed on the **Sevenoaks Mums** website and would love it if you could post a review for us. This is a fantastic resource for local services, so if you love our classes, please tell others! Go to <http://www.sevenoaksmums.com> and look for us under 'Sevenoaks Stars'.

You can also review us on the Musical Bumps facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/MusicalBumps.SevenoaksRiverhead>

### 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 and they sign up for weekly classes! Vouchers are always available at classes.

If you know anyone who has recently had a baby and is looking for activities to attend, why not remind them that they can come to Musical Bumps? These classes are a great place to meet other mums and are relaxing sessions for both mother and baby alike.

**Continued overleaf...**

Ruth Gordon • 07799 061258 • [ruth.gordon@musicalbumps.com](mailto:ruth.gordon@musicalbumps.com)

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

A Musical Bumps business operated under franchise and independently owned by Ruth Gordon

Head office: Musical Bumps Ltd. East Malling Enterprise Centre, New Road, East Malling, Kent. ME19 6BJ. Tel/Fax. 01732 321217 [head.office@musicalbumps.com](mailto:head.office@musicalbumps.com)

### **Musical Bumps Extras**

Have you thought about booking Musical Bumps for your **child's Birthday party**? Sessions include lots of your favourite Musical Bumps songs, rhymes, games, puppets and props. Also, would your child's **nursery** or **preschool** like a free Musical Bumps **taster session**? Please ask for more details.

### **Class leader needed!**

I am looking for an enthusiastic class leader/teacher to work with me running some classes in and around the Sevenoaks area. It is not necessary to have formal musical training, but you will need excellent communication skills and to be able to sing confidently! If you are interested (or know someone who is) please let me know. Full training and support is provided.

### **Christmas Tree Festival – Riverhead 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December**

I am delighted to be taking part in this year's festival at St Mary's church in Riverhead. Come and see the Musical Bumps Christmas tree, as well as many others from local organisations – a great way to start the festive season! Entry is free, with donations going to Demelza.

### **Spring term classes**

Class times next term are expected to remain the same as this term. Booking forms will be available at the end of November. If your child is changing class, please speak to me so I can ensure there is space for everyone. If you know that you will not be renewing next term, please also let me know.

### **New after school classes**

Did you know that when your child starts school, they are able to continue with the Musical Bumps programme through the after school Musicianship classes? Due to popularity and demand, I now have a class for Reception children, **as well as** children in year 1.

These classes are fun and creative and use tuned and untuned percussion instruments to teach children about pitch and rhythm, how to read and write music, play basic songs and of course sing! This gives them a great foundation for learning an instrument later on.

The Musicianship classes are on **Tuesdays after school**. Please speak to me for more information.

### **Puppets, instruments and CDs**

All our puppets, instruments and props are supplied by our sister company, Music for Starters ([www.musicforstarters.com](http://www.musicforstarters.com)) and are available to buy (and make great stocking fillers). You can order directly from the website, or from me in class. I also hold stocks of the popular Musical Bumps CDs.

I do hope you enjoy the autumn term and, as the weather changes around us and the dark nights draw in, that the Musical Bumps sessions provide some weekly cheer!

Don't forget, for more information and for keeping up with all the latest Musical Bumps information, you can follow us on **Facebook and Twitter!**

<http://www.facebook.com/MusicalBumps.SevenoaksRiverhead>

<http://www.twitter.com/musicalruthg>

*Ruth*