

To: All Bury St Edmunds County Music
School Members, and their Parents/Carers

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Bury St Edmunds County Music School Newsletter

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to everyone and many congratulations for managing to make it through the snow to Music School during the recent bad weather. We will always try to inform you if Music School has to close, and so it is very important that we have up to date contact information for all members. The latest information will be on the Suffolk County Council website: www.suffolk.gov.uk We will also try to notify the local radio station: BBC Radio Suffolk 104.6 FM.

We would also like to welcome all newcomers to music school this term, particularly those of you who have joined the *5 Note Band* and *Cygnets Strings*, we hope you are making the most of your visit by attending choir too, and just as a reminder, Mr Waters will be giving a world percussion demonstration at this week's 5 Note Band rehearsal to encourage newcomers to join our World Percussion Class held at 9.00 a.m. in the Library Block.

Signing In

All new students and parents must sign in every week on the blue attendance registers, this is very important so that in an emergency we are able to evacuate efficiently and account for everyone, also please fill in the contact details on the reverse. Each new member will have been issued with a membership application form which should be completed and returned, with payment if applicable, to our office at Northgate Arts centre as soon as possible. Existing members should continue to sign in (and out) every week on the green registers.

Attendance

Please do try to ensure that attendance at all sessions is punctual so that we can all make the most of our rehearsals. If you are unexpectedly unable to attend Music School for any reason, messages can be left on our direct line phone number 01284 723105. If you do have any queries about any activities at Music School please speak to the tutor in charge, Mr Neil Carlson, or the Western Area Manager, Hilary Turner, both of whom can routinely be contacted at Music School and also by emailing county.musicservice@suffolk.gov.uk

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Friends of Bury St Edmunds County Music School

We have an active group of parents/carers – *Friends of Bury St Edmunds County Music School* – who assist at the registration desk, run the tuck shop on Saturdays and also at Friday evening rehearsals, and help out with practical arrangements at concerts. The *Friends* now have their own website for information for parents/carers about their activities: please take a look at <http://friendsofbcms.org.uk/> We are always in need of new recruits to assist with all of these activities, so if you feel you could spare some time on the very occasional Friday evening or Saturday morning please speak to any of the *Friends* or contact us and we will pass on your information.

***STOMP*–style Percussion Workshops**

As you are aware the *Friends* committee is funding the cost of our exciting 'Stomp' Workshops to be held on Sunday 28 April 2013. Please return your consent forms as soon as possible if you wish to take part in this activity. If you have any friends who are also learning to play an instrument please tell them about the activities at *Bury St Edmunds County Music School* and invite them to come along one Saturday to see if they would like to be involved too.

Hilary Turner – Senior Manager (Western Area)
Neil Carlson – Tutor in Charge, Saturday morning