

Dear Piano Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term of music! It's been wonderful to be back in the studio with everyone again and see practice routines start to come back after the holiday! We have quite a few wonderful things happening this term and I'm excited to share it all with you.

**PLEASE NOTE:** I told some of you that our Master Class Day was the 22nd March. **IT IS NOT!** I've been reminded that is Mothers Day, so I've changed the Master Class Day to be on the 15th March - more details to follow, but please put it in your diary as all piano students should attend if possible.

Thank you and best wishes for a magical 2020!

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- **Week Commencing 17th February:** Half-Term, No Lessons
- **15th March:** Piano Master Classes (Times Slots to Follow)
- **Week Commencing 23rd March:** Last week of term and Watching Week
- **20th April:** Summer Term Starts

## Group Classes for Spring 2020

### Early Piano Class (ages 4-6)

- Tuesday 4.30 - 5.30
- Friday 4.30-5.30
- Saturday 9.30 - 10.30

### Toddler/Preschool Class (ages 18 months - 3 years)

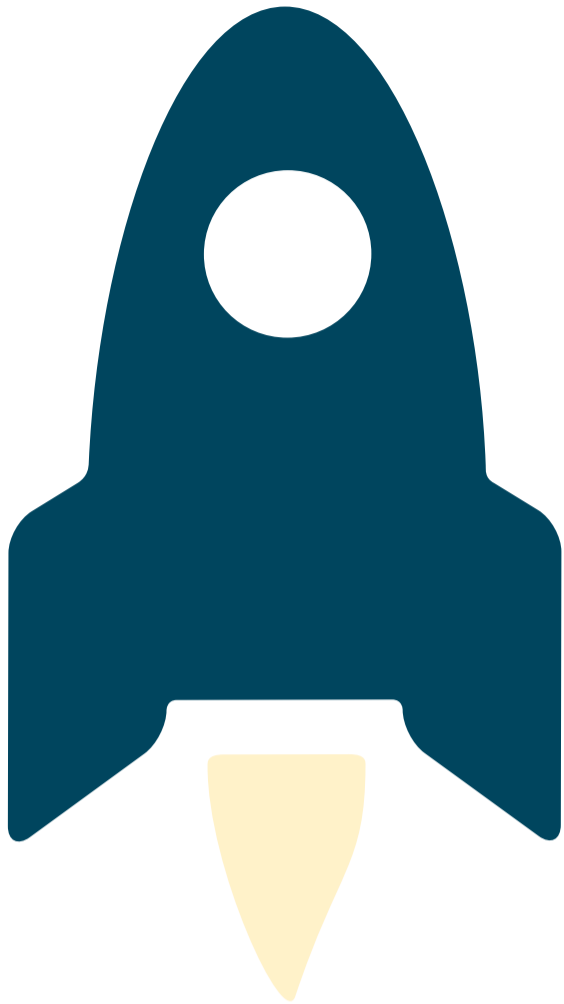
- Mondays: 1.30 - 2.15
- Tuesdays: 10.30 - 11.15
- Wednesdays: 9.30 - 10.15
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- Fridays: 10.30 - 11.15

## THANK YOU

The building work at the studio in Compton has been underway this month. We are nearly finished with three piano rooms. To everyone who has lessons and classes at the studio - thank you for your patience as we have worked in a building site! :-)

# ROCKET PRACTICE CHALLENGE

**STARTS: 2nd FEBRUARY**  
**ENDS: 12th JULY**



The goal of this challenge is to accumulate as many practice minutes as possible over the rest of the year. Student Rockets will ascend as they reach different practice targets.

**Record practice minutes in your music diaries and they will be added up in every lesson!**

## PRACTICE TIPS AND EXPECTATIONS:

- **Get to the Piano:** Find the routine in your week to get to the piano every day. This is the first and MOST IMPORTANT step. This is also the most difficult challenge! This is the first goal for all young students, beginners and anyone coming out of some type of break in routine (Christmas Holiday for example!)
- **Read and Follow Practice Instructions in Your Music Diary:** Have fun and take time to be free and creative - but always make sure instructions have been read and followed.
- **Gradually Build Up FOCUSED PRACTICE Time:** It is more important to spend ten minutes in focused practice rather than sitting at the piano for 3 hours with the mind elsewhere! Please don't just set a timer and leave your child to suffer through until the time is up. Rather - time the practice and record however long your child was able to practice with focus and enjoyment. Build this time up by having several practice sessions in the day.

## EXPECTATIONS:

**Students who have studied for 1-2 years:** 100 minutes per Week.

**Students who have studied for 2 plus years:** 200-300 minutes per week.