

Weston News

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Dear Parent,

On your marks, get set for a very busy (and exciting) term, and GO SHOWTIME! Easter is just about upon us (and the Royal Wedding, of course) and the pace is stepping up a notch towards what we are sure will be a spectacular event at the end of term. We hope you will all be joining in the fun, whether it is dancing or as a member of the audience, and just know that you won't be disappointed.

Elisabeth Swan

Principal

Your Show Pack

This is a bumper envelope and should contain the following:

- Class allocation notice
- Summer term timetable
- Show information booklet (not Pay -As-You-Go students)
- Costume pre-payment invoice(s), provided you have been allocated a show class
- Statement of Show prepayment for those who have been making regular monthly payments
- Ticket order form
- Supplementary ticket order form for those whose child or children are not dancing all their disciplines or together in one performance

Show Participation

To be eligible to take part in the Show students have to be available for all their scheduled performances as well as the theatre rehearsals on 3rd and/or 9th July. The Pied Piper and Olympic Dream are being rehearsed on 3rd July, and Alice's Adventures and The Shrovetide Fair on 9th July. These rehearsals are for setting

entrances onto and exits from the stage, as well as placing of the dances. Due to the reliability of the dancers on each other it is imperative that everyone who is involved is present and parents should understand that a student who is absent for any reason will forfeit the chance of performing.

SHOW TITLE

A big “thank you” to the Stearman family (again) for our Show title - “Beauty of the Beat”. Please let us know whether you would like a CD voucher, or four free tickets to the Show.

DEADLINES

Please, please, please be so good as to adhere to the deadlines as published in your Show Information Booklet. The need to chase people for responses is costly and time-consuming and may delay the ordering of costumes such that they cannot be obtained in time. Your help and co-operation would be much appreciated.

CHAPERONS

In order to mount a show involving so many students it is a legal requirement for us to have a veritable army of registered chaperons. If you are able to assist during the week of the Show, and haven’t as yet put your name forward, please do get in touch with Mrs Sharon Orme at the School office.

DIFFERENT PERFORMANCES?

We have identified ten families where their child or children do not dance everything or together on at least one performance. If this applies to you please look at the timetable to see whether, by changing a class, you can bring them all together and let the

office know if this is the case. If not, you have been given a form for extra tickets to enable family members to attend on an additional performance, free of charge, in order to be able to watch everything and everyone. If we have missed anyone please do get in touch, preferably by email, as soon as possible.

TICKET SALES

A ticket booking form is enclosed with this newsletter and tickets for those who have returned forms by Saturday 23rd April will be allocated on that date. Telephone, on-line and general sales commence Tuesday 26th April.

New Venue

Classes previously held at St Cedds School have now been moved to Moulsham Junior School. There is on-site parking although those attending the first classes of the evening

should be aware that parents will be picking up their children from school. Access to the hall is via the gates on the left of the drive, immediately past the green recycling container.

Once through the gates, the entrance to the hall is via main doors on the right, up a couple of steps. For a map, please refer to the website.

NEW CLASSES

We are delighted to offer two new “non-show” classes this term:

Adult Beginners Ballet - Tuesdays at Moulsham Junior School, 8.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Children’s Ballet (age 3 to 5 years) - Fridays at the Farthing Centre, 4.30 pm - 5.00 pm

INVOICES

and the normal pre-term information will be sent within the next 10 days.

MOBILE PHONE NUMBER

Do we have a mobile phone number for you? In the event of getting an urgent message to you (eg class cancellation) a text is our preferred method of communication. If you haven’t

supplied us with a mobile contact number please consider doing so. You can email it to us at office@theweston.co.uk - remember to include your account reference.

Timetable Changes

Due to the complexity of the Show it has been necessary to amalgamate some classes resulting in a slightly altered timetable for the coming term. Please check your class time, and venue, carefully. The main alterations are as follows:

Grade 2 and Grade 3 Modern amalgamated - check class times

Grade 2 Tap on Saturdays at the Farthing Centre - new time

Grade 5 and Grade 6 Tap on Fridays amalgamated - check class times

Intermediate and Advanced 1 Tap amalgamated - check class times

All Friday classes at the Farthing Centre - new times

Senior & Senior Plus Musical Theatre at CYGAMS HQ amalgamated - check class times

All Vocational Modern (Intermediate Foundation, Intermediate, Advanced 1 & Advanced 2) amalgamated - check class times

Senior Jazz amalgamated with Gold Jazz Award which has

been extended to 1 hour at no extra cost - check class times

Standard 1 and Standard 2 Ballet at Chelmer Village amalgamated - check class times

Advanced 1 and Intermediate Ballet on Mondays amalgamated - check class times

All Wednesday classes, previously held at St Cedds School, will now start 15 minutes later than last term

Pantomime Auditions

This year's professional pantomime at the Chelmsford Civic Theatre is to be Sleeping Beauty. Outstandingly talented dancers, both girls and boys aged between 11 and 19 years, are being sought to join the company as part of the juvenile dance chorus and an audition is to be held on Sunday 19th

June. Full details of the audition criteria can be found on our website. Until a few years ago The Weston School had provided the dance chorus for the Chelmsford pantomime for over 40 years and we are therefore keen to promote this opportunity to our students. In an effort to give those

interested the best possible chance of success we will be offering a free "audition technique" class prior to the event. Anyone interested should contact the School office.

UNIFORM SALES

Due to the imminence of the School Show, we will not be undertaking the sale of uniform at the various branches this term. Should you need an article of uniform please complete an order form (available from your class teacher) and send it in to the School office.

CHOREOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

This annual event is an opportunity for budding choreographers to "have a go". The winning entries will be performed at Prizegiving. The Competition this year is being held on Sunday 4th September.

ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING

Normally held prior to the start of the Autumn term, this year it is being delayed by one week because of building works in the Civic Theatre. Watch out for further details and a booking form later in the term but don't forget the date - Sunday 11th September.

CHELMSFORD BALLET COMPANY

Auditions for this local Company are to be held in Chelmsford on Sunday 26th June. To be eligible students have to be 10 years of age and hold a minimum of a Grade 2 Ballet qualification. This is an excellent opportunity to be part of a thriving, dance orientated company and would give you the chance to perform in their annual production at the Civic Theatre although this is not compulsory. The Company also holds regular classes and other activities throughout the year. For further information, advice on whether you should audition, and an audition form, please see your ballet teacher.

CECCHETTI SUMMER SCHOOL FOR YOUNG DANCERS

Applications are currently being taken for this excellent summer school for students, age 10 to 16 years, which is being held at Tring Park School for Performing Arts in Hertfordshire from Saturday 6th until Friday 12th August. The summer school incorporates not just Ballet classes but Jazz, Classical Greek, Musical Theatre, to name just a few subjects. It is a hugely enjoyable week, with a choreography competition, a party evening and a picnic. The cost is £425 if booked before 1st May (£455 if booked after that date), inclusive of tuition, accommodation and all meals. Please either contact the School office if you would like further information, or download the details and a booking form from www.cecchetti.co.uk.

DATES FOR THE SUMMER & AUTUMN TERMS 2011

Office opens - Monday 18th April (closed 22nd to 25th April inc)

Summer term commences - Tuesday 26th April 2011

Half-term - Monday 30th May to Saturday 4th June inc

Summer term ends - Monday 11th July 2011

Office opens - Wednesday 31st August

Autumn term commences Monday 5th September

OPEN DAY & CHOREOGRAPHIC COMPETITION - Sunday 4th September

PRIZEGIVING - Sunday 11th September

TEMPORARY CLASS CHANGES

All venues - there will be no classes on Friday 29th or Saturday 30th April, or Monday 2nd May. These classes have already been made up during the Spring term.

Chelmer Village - due to local elections there will be no classes at this venue on Thursday 5th May but will be held instead, during the half-term holiday, on Thursday 2nd June.

SCHOOL SHOW

“Stagger” rehearsals - Sunday 3rd July & Saturday 9th July

Dress rehearsals - Sunday 10th July

Performances - Tuesday 12th to Saturday 16th July