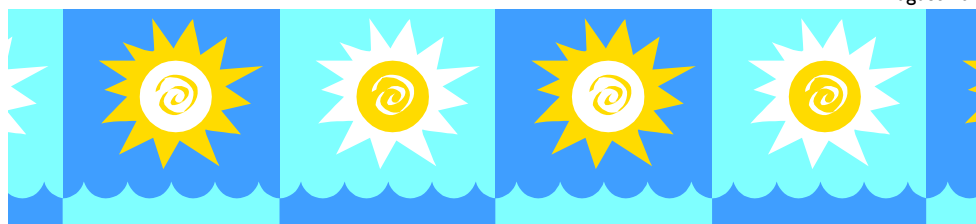


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Dear Parent,

What an event-packed summer! First the Queen's rather damp Jubilee flotilla down The Thames, then the Olympics and, shortly, the Paralympics. Not being particularly sporty people, we were surprised to find ourselves glued to the telly, so compulsive was the viewing of all those talented athletes. And what organization! We find the thought of a school show next July rather daunting!

Just a quick reminder that our term starts on MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER. Dates for the full year are on the back page of this newsletter but please do watch out for occasional alterations due to such as local elections etc.

Congratulations to everyone for passing their exams in July. As usual, we have made some assumptions as to which classes to register students in for the forthcoming term and, should we have got it wrong, do please let us know and we'll do our best to accommodate them in a more convenient class.

There are quite a number of changes to the timetable this autumn term so please do read it carefully. The main changes are noted elsewhere in this newsletter but do be sure to check the times of your classes against your class allocation notice.

Due to the economic climate, last year was a tough one for all of us. It is important that we continue to build our student numbers in order that we can offer the quality of service to which we have always aspired. Your help by introducing new students would be appreciated—and remember you will earn a £5 discount voucher for each student you introduce (terms & conditions apply).

We hope you enjoy the rest of the holiday and look forward to seeing you in September.

*Elisabeth Swan
Principal*

Congratulations to

Lorenza Kirk (née Manara-Marchi), who left us during the summer term to establish a dance studio in Winchester, Virginia, USA which she is calling *Italia performing arts*. In her capacity as Chair of the Cecchetti Society Faculty of the ISTD, Miss Swan has been invited to cut the ribbon at the grand opening on

Friday 24th August. Details of Lorenza's studio can be found on her website: www.italiapa.com.

Also to **Hannah Cotgrove** and **Michael Preston** who have each been awarded Cecchetti Scholarships to receive weekly ballet training in London.

More Congratulations to ...

Madeline Haines, Bethan Prile, Sophie Royds and Emily Walter who were successful in the summer audition for the Cecchetti Associate scheme;

Jessica and Louisa Firman who will be appearing in this year's pantomime at the Chelmsford Civic Theatre;

Nicole Kerrins, Sarah Miller, Harriet Punt and Katie O'Donnell who have all been accepted as dancing members of the Chelmsford Ballet Company.

Goodbye and Good Luck to ...

Rebecca Patel (Miss Rebecca) who leaves us to attend Swansea University to read marine biology. Our sincere thanks to Rebecca for being such an excellent Class Assistant, firstly to Mrs Isaacs and latterly to Miss Swan at CYGAMS

HQ on Mondays. We wish her every success and know she will be sadly missed;

Loretta Boutwell, Marsha Bryenton, Jane Ketley, Heidi Smith, Connie Taylor and Hannah Weller, all of whom have been

with the school for many years and who leave us for colleges and universities around the country. We hope you will all keep in touch and, perhaps, come and take class with us at some time in the future.

Hello and Welcome to

the many new students who are joining us this term. We hope you will enjoy your classes and that this will be the start of a long and happy relationship with the school. Should you have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact us at the Weston Office—by phone, letter or email. Enjoy!!

Autumn Term Timetable

Children currently in the Under 5's classes who will be five before Easter will have been moved to a Primary Ballet Class. However, this is a more formally structured class and, should you feel that your child would benefit from remaining in the Under 5's class for a further term, please do not hesitate to contact the office. This would particularly apply to those children whose birthdays are in February or March. In addition, there have been a number of changes to the autumn term timetable and we advise that you look carefully at the enclosed copy, together with your Class Allocation Notice. In brief, the main changes are as follows:

Grade 5 Ballet

Due to the large number of students registered at this level an additional class has been added to the timetable on Tuesdays at Moulsham Junior School, just before the Senior Hip-Hop/Jazz!! Any students able to change from the Friday class are urged to get in touch with the Weston office. It is also strongly advised that students working at this level should be taking at least two ballet classes per week.

Grade 3 Modern

A weekday class has been reintroduced, on Tuesdays at the Farthing Centre. Please note the change of times for the other classes at the Farthing Centre on this day.

Grade 6 Modern

An alternative class to Mondays is not included on Wednesdays at the Farthing Centre.

Advanced 1 Tap and Advanced 1 Modern have swapped times!

Junior Hip-Hop/Jazz

has now moved to Thursdays at CYGAMS HQ, just before the Junior Musical Theatre. As both are reduced-price classes we hope that more of you will register for both. There is now only one level of Senior Musical Theatre.

Grade 2 Ballet at Great Dunmow There are currently two classes at this level: the earlier one is for students new to Grade 2 this term.

Additional Subject?

Remember that our charges are on a sliding scale—effectively, the more you do, the less the cost per hour, with Hip-Hop/Jazz and Musical Theatre invoiced at half-price when taken as additional classes. Phone us for a **FREE TRIAL LESSON**.

Your Invoice and How To Pay

With the exception of new students and those attending Pay-As-You-Go classes, your invoice for the autumn term should be enclosed herewith. Please note the date by which it needs to be paid as late payments may be charged interest. Please also be advised that an administration fee will be charged for payments made by cheque which are not honoured by your bank. Methods of payment are as follows:

- Debit or credit card (preferred)
- Cheque
- Cash, although large amounts should be brought to the office, by prior arrangement, and the payment receipted
- Monthly standing order. A form is enclosed for this method which you should complete and return to your bank. The remittance advice should be returned to the Weston office. Please note that standing orders are scheduled to run from October to June inclusive and, should your classes change from one term to the next, may need to be amended. Should you wish to set this up via your online banking please use the bank details provided and be sure to show your account reference as your reference for payment. If you are unsure as to how much to pay, please contact the Weston office.

Important Dates



Ding-dong-ding-dong
As you all know, **Miss Ruth** is getting married to Richard

Bowen-Davies at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday 1st September, at 2.30 pm. We take this opportunity to wish them both a long and happy marriage.



OPEN DAY

Sunday 9th September
CYGAMS HQ, Meteor Way
Chelmsford, CM1 2RL
10.00 am—1.00 pm
Please come and see us to discuss class changes new enrolments purchase of uniform or just a chat!

Dress up for Charity!!

Mufti-week will take place once again this year starting from Monday 15th until Saturday 20th October. This is the week in which you are invited to dress up (or down) for your classes—the more outrageous the better. To do this will cost you just £1 which will be donated to **Children In Need**. Have fun!!.

School Show 2013

The Dates: Tuesday 9th July until Saturday 13th July 2013

The Venue: Chelmsford Civic Theatre

Rehearsals: Sunday 30th June & weekend of 6th & 7th July

The Title Your suggestions to show@theweston.co.uk

Don't panic—not everyone dances in every performance, nor will they be needed for all rehearsals. All will be explained in due course but, in the meantime, please keep these dates free. If you've not taken part in one of our shows before, and need an early update please contact the Weston office.

Website

Our "new-look" website will be launched in early September. Please let us know what you think. Your user name and password for the members' area is shown on your invoice.

Music for Classwork

Now is a good time to get a recording of your class music. We would be pleased to provide this on CD for a minimal charge of just £1—send in an envelope with your name and requirements.

Leaflet Droppers Required

Would you be willing to distribute publicity leaflets for the school? These could be printed with your account reference on so that you receive an introduction fee for any successful enquiries.

Civic Theatre Celebration - Saturday 8th September

The Chelmsford Civic Theatre is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year with an open day at the theatre from 10.00 am until 5.00 pm. There's lots going on. For a full schedule of events visit www.chelmsford.gov.uk/openday. Come and see us there.

The Great Jubilee Variety Show - Friday 21st September

The Weston School is proud to be presenting a number of dancers at the forthcoming Jubilee Variety Show being hosted at the Chelmsford Civic Theatre by Out of Office Productions. Our team has been working hard throughout the summer and are looking forward to the performance on

Friday 21st September, commencing at 7.30 pm. Please come along to support the show, which stars Phil Meacham (*The Only Way Is Essex*), West End star, Phil Cavill, and a host of other professional and local performers. Tickets are available from the box office: 01245 606505.

Let's Make A Ballet - Sunday 21st October

The Chelmsford Ballet Company invite you to take part in this choreographic workshop where dancers make up and perform a ballet in one day. Taking place at New Hall School near Chelmsford this exciting workshop is suitable for students age

between 7 and 14 years. The cost for the full day is just £25 per participant. Family and friends can watch the performance at the end of the day for just £2 each. For full details and an application form please contact the Weston office.

DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM 2012 & SPRING TERM 2013

Autumn Term 2012

Office opens Wednesday 5th September

Autumn Term commences Monday 10th September

Half Term (2 weeks) from Monday 22nd October until Saturday 3rd November inclusive

Autumn Term ends Saturday 1st December

Spring Term 2013

Office opens Wednesday 2nd January

Spring Term commences Friday 4th January

Half Term (2 weeks) from Monday 11th February until Saturday 23rd February inclusive

Spring Term ends Thursday 28th March

TEMPORARY CLASS ALTERATION

Due to local elections there will be no classes at Chelmer Village on Thursday 22nd November. They will be held instead, during half-term, on Thursday 25th October.

UNIFORM SALES

The sale of Ballet, Modern and Tap uniform will take place as follows:

Chelmer Village - Thursday 13th September - 4.15 pm to 6.15 pm

Great Dunmow - Saturday 15th September - 9.45 am to 12.00 pm

Springfield - Friday 21st September - 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm

Farthing Centre - Saturday 22nd September - 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

UNIFORM ON-LINE

Uniform is now available to order and pay for on-line at www.westonschools.co.uk/shop

UNIFORM ENQUIRIES & SUPPLY

The School holds a considerable amount of uniform in stock. If you are unable to attend any of the scheduled sale sessions, and do not wish to order on-line, please obtain an order form from your class teacher and either post or send in via the class. The items will be sent to your child's class.