

Weston News

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We wish you all a very Happy New Year!!

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Dear Parents and Students,

We have had a rather busy Christmas here at The Weston. As soon as the autumn term finished we were into exams (results still awaited) and also rehearsals for Pantomime. We were delighted to be invited to provide the chorus for Snow White at Bocking End Arts Theatre in Braintree. Eleven girls were selected to take part and they worked incredibly hard to get six dances together in just two weeks. They were a credit to the School and so congratulations to Emily James (dance captain), Sarah Benson, Alex Clarke, Holly Escott, Amelia Hawes, Jessica Higgins, Hannah Johnson, Sophie Royds, Madeleine Spring, Paige Stedman and Francesca Wright. A huge thank you to Mrs Fenn and Mrs Benson for their splendid sewing/chaperon duties, and to Miss Jess for her enthusiasm and motivation.

In this pre-term pack you will find your class allocation notice which details the classes for which you/your child have been registered. There have been some minor alterations regarding times, and in the case of Saturday Primary Ballet at the Farthing Centre, venue, and so you should read the notice carefully. The full timetable, should you wish to check anything, is on our website. We have, as always, made some assumptions as to which classes students move following their exams and would be very pleased to hear from you as soon as possible if we have got it wrong! Our office will reopen at 10.00 am on Wednesday 2nd January.

Don't forget that, to add a new subject, does not double your bill. Additional classes are always charged at a lower rate, with Hip-Hop and Musical Theatre charged at half-price. This offer is extended to the cost of any new subject for the first term so please give us a call if you would like to try something new.

Finally, a big THANK YOU to everyone from all the teachers for such lovely Christmas gifts. We had great fun opening these on Christmas Day and really appreciate your acknowledgment of all our hard work.

With best wishes for the new term.

*Elisabeth Swan
Principal*

Thank you

to everyone for being so tolerant during the time Miss Swan had her wrist in plaster, especially her early Monday classes who had to run the gambit of fracture clinic

appointments being Monday afternoons. Thank you, too, to Miss Charlotte for covering some of Miss Swan's teaching. All's well that ends well!

**SPRING TERM 2013 COMMENCES
FRIDAY 4TH JANUARY**

Congratulations to ...

Abigail Murphy who has been cast in the lead role of Annie with CAODS. The production is being presented at the Chelmsford Civic Theatre from 26th February to 2nd March. CAODS always put on a stunning show so book your

tickets now - 01245 606505

Jessica Bailey who was adjudicated the winner of the Vacani Middle Award at the Cecchetti Classical Ballet Awards competition 2012 at Sadler's Wells Theatre in November. At

the same event **Jasmine Bailey** was the runner-up of the Mabel Ryan Gold Award, and **Michael Preston** received a commendation for his performance in the Mabel Ryan Silver Award.

Did You Know ...

CHILDREN IN NEED

that you raised a whopping £420 for this worthwhile charity? Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun of dressing up for Children In Need.

MODERN AND TAP FOR THE UNDER 5'S

that once a child has reached 4½ years they are able to join the Primary Modern and Tap classes? Why not give it a try - the first lesson is FREE, and the first term charged at HALF-PRICE!

SUMMER TERM CLASSES

that, due to the school show, children will not change classes following the Easter exams and will only move on to their new level in September 2013. This will enable them to show their skills to their greatest advantage.

Spring Term Information

ALLOCATION OF CLASSES

Children currently in the Under 5's classes who will be five before the end of the summer term 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, please do not hesitate to contact the office. This would particularly apply to those children whose birthdays are in June or July. Please note, however, that, due to the school show, children will not be able to move to a new class in the summer term.

GRADE 2 MODERN

The Saturday Grade 2 Modern class has been reintroduced to the timetable, from 9.15 am until 10.15 am at the Farthing Centre. However, for this to run, we do need a minimum of five students so, if you are interested, please get in touch. If you are not currently taking a Grade 2 Modern class we are offering this first term at HALF-PRICE, regardless of previous experience. Those attending the Grade 2 Tap class which follows would be particularly welcome, and this would also help to improve your Tap!

SPRINGFIELD PARISH CENTRE

Building work on the Nabbotts Library Project which is now taking place will mean that we are unable to use the Springfield Room during the Spring term. Mrs Isaacs' classes will be held, instead, in the Council room, upstairs at the Parish Centre. Due to restricted space we regret that parents will not be permitted upstairs and children should stay in the downstairs foyer until someone comes to get them. Please note that the kitchen and bar area will also be unavailable. We are sorry for the inconvenience which is beyond our control and hope that you will embrace the work being undertaken by the Parish Council in order to provide a much improved facility for the

School Show 2013

WE STILL NEED A TITLE!!

Please send your suggestions to show@theweston.co.uk for a chance of winning four free tickets or a CD voucher to the value of £40. Closing date for suggestions - 12th January 2013.

WE STILL NEED MORE CHAPERONS!!

In order for us to be able to present a show at the Civic Theatre we are required to provide chaperons who are licenced through the Essex County Council. If you think you could chaperon for at least four performances, or need further information of what is required, please contact Sharon Orme at the School Office.

More details

of the Show will be sent to you during this Spring Term but the pertinent facts are as follows:

Performances: Tuesday 9th until Saturday 13th July 2013

The Venue: Chelmsford Civic Theatre

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

Who Can Take Part: EVERYONE!!

Please note that not everyone dances in all performances, nor are they required for all the rehearsals, so the additional commitment outside of normal class time is very small. However, please hold the above dates free until it is confirmed exactly who dances/rehearses when - thank you.

Support Your Local Performing Groups!

Three shows are coming up at the Chelmsford Civic and Cramphorn Theatres which you really ought to go and see! For tickets please contact the Box Office.

Annie

being presented at the Civic Theatre by Chelmsford Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society - performances from Tuesday 26th February until Saturday 2nd March.

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

being presented at the Cramphorn Theatre by Chelmsford Young Generation amateur musical society - performances from Monday 15th to Saturday 20th April.

Coppelia

being presented at the Civic Theatre by The Chelmsford Ballet Company - performances from Wednesday 13th until Saturday 16th March.

ALL students studying ballet should be taken to see this brilliant ballet company. Coppelia is a bright, cheerful ballet, suitable for all age groups, with music by Delibes. It never ceases to amaze us how many children are taking ballet classes but who have never been to a ballet!

Box Office: 01245 606505

www.chelmsford.gov.uk/theatres

Snow White

As reported earlier in this newsletter, a number of our dancers took part in the Bocking End Arts Theatre's pantomime. All the girls had a wonderful experience and we are grateful to Sophie Royds for this report:

The Snow White Panto has been such a great experience and, although I have suffered with a cold most of the time, I have thoroughly enjoyed it! The dances were absolutely fabulous and I loved the long hours learning them. I must say, the evil spirits dance was definitely my favourite! So a massive thank you to Miss Jess and Miss Swan for

the opportunity and your wonderful routines! I believe the panto has been an unforgettable experience and I have met lots of brilliant people! I have had so much fun and I would definitely do it again! Thanks again to everyone involved for making it so fantastic and well done to you all (especially Liza Benson, our chaperon who, I think it's fair to say, spoilt us back stage!) I have been dancing and singing to the songs all Christmas. I just can't stop moving my feet!

You can see some photos on our website!

DATES FOR THE SPRING AND SUMMER TERMS 2013

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

Summer Term 2013

Office opens Wednesday 17th April
Summer Term commences Monday 22nd April
Half Term (1 week) from Monday 27th May until Saturday 1st June inclusive
Summer Term ends Monday 8th July
Please note that there will be no classes on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

TEMPORARY CLASS ALTERATIONS

Due to circumstances beyond our control the following class alterations will take place during the Spring Term 2013:

Great Dunmow: there will be no classes at this venue on Saturday 2nd February but they will be held instead, on Saturday 16th February;

CYGAMS HQ: Miss Swan's classes at this venue will not be held during the week commencing Monday 4th March but they will be held instead during the week commencing Monday 11th February

UNIFORM SALES

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

Great Dunmow - Saturday 12th January - 9.45 am - 12.00 pm

Springfield - Friday 18th January - 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Chelmer Village - Thursday 24th January - 4.15 pm - 6.15 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.