

# Weston News

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*Dear Parents and Students,*

*As I write this I am hoping that Spring has finally sprung as it is a lovely sunny morning - long may it last! I hope you have all enjoyed a good Easter break and, if you're feeling a bit full of chocolate, remember we have a number of adult classes you can attend to work off those extra pounds.*

*With the build up to our school show in July, the coming term is going to be hectic - but fun. Due to a massive computer crash at the end of last term, we are a little behind in our organisation of the school show but I am sure we will soon be back on track. You can really help us by returning the forms enclosed with this newsletter in a timely fashion.*

*I do hope that all students will take part in the show. It is a hugely enjoyable experience and, apart from a theatre rehearsal, doesn't impinge on already busy lives as all other rehearsals are during normal class times. Please don't think your child is too young to perform - the 'little ones' often steal the show and we would be lost without them. The same has to be said of the more senior students - we really do need you in order to give the show a good balance and to show the younger students to what they will eventually aspire.*

*Your support in not only buying your own tickets, but by promoting the show to family and friends, will be greatly appreciated. The cost of hiring the theatre alone is over £10,000, and that's before we've put any scenery on the stage! There is an "early bird" price for tickets, so get your order in as soon as possible to take advantage of this.*

*Please study the enclosed timetable carefully as some class times have altered slightly. The show information book will tell you everything you need to know about the production itself and so please set some time apart to read it thoroughly and then keep it with you for future reference. Don't hesitate to contact the office if anything is unclear. It's quite a lot to take in, if this is your first show with us, but you shouldn't be daunted - we've been doing this a long time and will be only too pleased to answer any queries you may have.*

*With all good wishes for a happy and exciting term.*

*Elisabeth Swan  
Principal*

## Congratulations to ...

**Jessica Bailey** who has successfully auditioned for a place at the prestigious Young Dancers Academy in West London. Jessica will train full-

time at this exclusive vocational school in a bid to realise her dream of becoming a professional ballerina. Sadly

for us, Jessica starts straight after Easter so we take this opportunity to wish her every success in her future career.

## Chelmsford Ballet Company ...

### COPPELIA

Well done to everyone who took part in the Chelmsford Ballet Company's recent production of Coppelia at the Civic Theatre. This was a vibrant production with an exceptionally high standard of dancing. The sets, lighting, costumes and music all went together to make this one of the best Company shows and it

was gratifying to see such audience support. Next year the Company will be presenting The Nutcracker from 19th to 22nd March 2014 - put it in your diary now!

### AUDITIONS

The Chelmsford Ballet Company will be holding auditions for new dancing

members on Sunday 23rd June. To qualify you need to be at least 10 years of age and ideally be working at Grade 3 level of ballet. Should you be interested in joining this happy and busy Company please seek advice from your ballet teacher. Forms are available from the Weston office.

## Further News ...

### SUMMER IN FEBRUARY

Look out for the release of a new film, Summer In February, which should be in our cinemas from 14th June. With an all-star cast, this film is the "intimate, enchanting true story of young, vibrant souls navigating their way through love, passion and friendship in the picturesque landscape of early twentieth century England." Why are we promoting this? Our very own **Jessica** and **Louisa Firman** are in the film - see if you can spot them. For more information please visit [www.summerinfebruary.com/](http://www.summerinfebruary.com/)

### CARABELLA ENTERTAINMENT

Despite being sad to lose them, it is always satisfying when our students leave us for full-time vocational training, and are then successful in achieving their goal of performing professionally. One such student is **Cara Bryenton** who left us to train at the Urdang Academy and then spent five years treading the boards as a singer/dancer. She has now returned to Essex to establish her own business offering cabarets, discos and children's parties. Why not "Celebrate your day the Carabella way" and contact Cara for further information: tel 07505 204067

or email [carabella\\_ents@hotmail.com](mailto:carabella_ents@hotmail.com). We wish her lots of luck with this new venture.

### SPRINGFIELD PARISH CENTRE

Thank you to everyone who attended the Springfield Parish Centre last term for your patience and good humour while dealing with all the building work, and especially to Mrs Isaacs for holding her classes upstairs in the Council Room. You will all be pleased to know that the work is now finished and that Mrs Isaacs' classes will, once again, be held in the new Springfield Room.

## Time to Shine—School Show 2013

### More details

of the Show are enclosed with this newsletter. Please read the information thoroughly and phone the Weston office if you have any queries

**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. Please see the enclosed booklet for who dances when, and when they are called for the additional rehearsal at the Theatre.

Your pre-term pack should include the following:

- ◆ This newsletter!
- ◆ Timetable for the summer term
- ◆ Class allocation notice
- ◆ Summer term invoice for classes (unless you are a PAYG student)
- ◆ Ticket booking form(s)

If you are registered into a show class there should also be

- ◆ Show information book
- ◆ Show costume pre-payment invoice(s)

***HAPPY READING!***

## Announcements . . .

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We have, for quite some time, been wanting to set up a scholarship fund for students whose parents are struggling financially but still wish for their child(ren) to attend classes. We are therefore delighted to be introducing the Chelmsford Star Co-operative Community Card. By presenting this card at the till every time you shop in the Co-op or Quadrant, you will be helping to raise funds towards this Scholarship scheme. Most purchases you make qualify for stars which can be converted into cash at a rate of £5 for every 1,000 points. When we cash in our stars the Co-op will donate an extra 50%. If every family in the school uses the card and spends just £5 per week in any of the Co-op stores, we could raise over £1500 per year to help families in need. Please contact the office if you would like a card.

### SUMMER SCHOOL

Would you like to do something different this summer holiday? Cecchetti Classical Ballet is holding its very successful annual Summer School for Young Dancers at Tring Park School for the Performing Arts in Hertfordshire between 27th July and 2nd August. This is an intensive week of dance, offering daily classes in ballet together with, for example, jazz, contemporary, classical Greek, musical theatre and repertoire. This is a residential course open to students from the age of 10 to 18 years, with a minimum qualification of Grade 3 ballet. For full details please visit [www.cecchetti.co.uk/summerschools](http://www.cecchetti.co.uk/summerschools) or contact the Weston office for an information leaflet and booking form.

# Annie

In our last newsletter we promoted the production of Annie which was presented at the Chelmsford Civic Theatre by local group CAODS. Weston student **Abigail Murphy** was in the lead role and we thought we would share this picture of her with Sharon Orme's dog, **Scramble**, who also starred.



## DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM 2013

### 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 Summer Term 2013:

**Chelmer Village:** due to County Council elections there will be no classes at this venue on Thursday 2nd May. They will be held instead, prior to the beginning of term, on Thursday 18th April.

**CYGAMS HQ:** there will be no classes at this venue on Monday 24th June. They were held instead, prior to the beginning of term, on Monday 15th April

## UNIFORM SALES

Due to the School Show there will be no uniform sales sessions at branches this term

## UNIFORM ON-LINE

Uniform is now available to order and pay for on-line at [www.westonschools.co.uk/shop](http://www.westonschools.co.uk/shop)

## UNIFORM ENQUIRIES & SUPPLY

The School holds a considerable amount of uniform in stock. If you 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.