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Dear arents and Students,

ho e you ha e en oyed a ha y and eace ul hristmas and are lookin orward to the ew Year Thank you to e eryone or all the lo ely resents you so kindly estowed u on me and the other teachers e ha e all had reat un o enin them and ha e so en oyed usin ea n drinkin them o er the hristmas reak

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is lookin to e another usy and e ci n year, not least ecause o the iennial school show in July So, ird your loins let the un e in

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Please "Like us" on Facebook and "Share" with your friends. Recommendations very welcome



Congratulations

To everyone for passing their exams in the December session and especially to **M R** who gained Licentiate status with the ISTD an immense achievement, well deserved. Thank you to the six senior ballet students who took part in her examination class it couldn't have been done without you!

Prizegiving 2014

Well done to everyone who was presented with an award at our Prizegiving in September. We had a lovely afternoon, with performances from our Jazz and Musical Theatre students, and it was well supported by parents and friends. Awards were given as follows:

Joan Weston Award for Ballet
Christina Ballet Modern Cup
Tracy Corp Tap Dance Award
Des Claydon Award adult ballet
Sarah Carroll Performance Award
Nicola Jones Award
Corinna Bourke Award
Doug Betty Wheatley Memorial
Watts Award
Wanbon Award
Catherine Swan Memorial
Diamond Award

Sarah Benson
Charlotte Chaston
Isabel James
Nicola Parks
Sophie Royds
Ella-Rose Smallwood-Gillan
Harriette Spriggs
Ellen Steel
Ellie Houghton
Hannah Tomlinson-Roe
Rosie Baker
Jasmine Bailey



Children In Need

TAPATHON Sadly, the Tapathon didn't break the world record of the number of people tapping the same routine all at once. However, our 28 tappers, plus their supporters, had a great time on 16th November, tapping out the routine tirelessly taught to them by Miss Ruth. A total in excess of £30,000 was raised country-wide. Well done to all involved, and to Sharon for providing such yummy cakes!

MUFTI **EE**, on the other hand, was a great success. You all joined in the fun: we had princesses galore, plus super heroes, mice, cats, witches, cheer leaders, and even a Miss Ruth look-a-like, complete with dyed hair! Even some of the teachers joined in (as evidenced on Facebook). Between you £420 was raised for Children In Need thank you. Pudsey Bears were in short supply this year but they have now arrived and the winners will receive theirs at the beginning of term.

Phantom of the Opera

October saw nine of our senior ballet dancers performing in the Essex Groups production of Phantom at the Towngate Theatre in Basildon. Well done to Rosie Baker, Sarah Benson, Hannah Cotgrove, Jessica Firman, Louisa Firman, Jessica Higgins, Jaime Risk, Sophie Royds and Alana Simmons who all danced brilliantly!

Cinderella ...

was this year's Panto at the Bocking Arts Theatre. Nine Weston Dancers raised the profile once again Hannah Beales, Sarah Benson, Jessica Firman, Louisa Firman, Amelia Hawes, Charlize Spriggs, Harriette Spriggs, Eleanor Sumner and Francesca Wright. Thank you to them, and to the chaperons, to Miss Ruth for the choreography and rehearsals, and to Mrs Farrin for additional costumes a great team.

Well Done

To the students who were invited to take part in the Cecchetti Society's Mabel Ryan Awards at Sadler's Wells Theatre in November. Charlotte Harnett, Ellie Houghton, Daisy Marshall, Molly Middlebrook and Harriette Spriggs were entered for the Children's Awards, Madeline Haines, for the Junior Award, and Hannah Cotgrove and Sophie Royds for the Senior Award. They all danced beautifully, and particularly well done to Ellie Houghton for being given a special mention.

In Your Envelope

INVOICES

Unless you are new to the school your invoice for the spring term is enclosed herewith. Your timely settlement of this bill will be greatly appreciated. New students should receive their invoice within the next three weeks. Should you have any queries once you have received this please do not hesitate to get in touch.

A CARD FOR YOU

We should be pleased if you would consider introducing your dancing child to more classes and invite him/her to come to a taster class. Children trying Primary Modern or Primary Tap for the first time can have the first five lessons free! We would also be pleased to see more adults, so why not sign up to give it a try?

STATEMENTS

If you have received a statement (blue sheet) this shows the amount you either owe or are in credit. Please be so kind as to clear any outstanding balance as soon as possible. Should your statement show a credit balance (the amount preceded by a minus (-) sign) please deduct this from your invoice.

A CARD FOR YOUR FRIEND

We hope you are happy with The Weston and might feel inclined to recommend us to your friends. A little card is enclosed to pass on. Remember to tell them you have recommended us, and give them your account reference. Upon settlement of their first term's invoice you will receive a "thank you", worth £10 off your next term's classes.

Timetable Alterations

We always endeavour to keep the timetable the same throughout the academic year but this has not been possible for his coming term. Please, therefore, take a moment to read your Class Allocation Notice carefully and make a note of any change of time. We apologise if

this causes you any inconvenience but hope you will appreciate that, with children moving to new classes following exams, these small changes have been necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact us, should you wish to change your child(ren)'s class.

Space or No Space?

Most of our classes have spaces and, with your help, we would be pleased to welcome additional students. The only exception to this is the Grade 2 Ballet class on Wednesdays at Moulsham School into which we are unable to take any more students.

Calling All Adults

We are delighted to be introducing a beginners ballet class for adults on Thursday evenings, 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm, at CYGAMS HQ. This is a Pay-As-You-Go class which will be taken by Miss Natasha. Pre-registration is required so please spread the word and give us a call.

Do You Like To Sing?

We have moved the Chelmsford Junior Musical Theatre class to Saturday mornings and hope this will encourage more of you to join. The class will comprise singing, acting and some dance so please sign up to give it a try

New Title

In order to better accommodate all the different styles of dance that are taught in our “Street Dance/Jazz” classes these have been retitled Commercial Dance/Jazz. This will encompass the styles of dance you see on music videos, jazz, contemporary, hip-hop, street, and more.

Musical Theatre & Commercial Dance Uniform

Just a gentle reminder that the uniform for Musical Theatre and Commercial Dance classes is the school’s printed garments, ie track pants, white t-shirt and an option Zoodie, all printed with the school’s logo. Commercial Dance students may prefer to wear black leggings. All of these garments are available to order from the school. We keep a certain amount in stock but it could take up to four weeks to satisfy any order. Please visit our website for full details and prices.

Coming to a Venue Near You

CINDERELLA for one day only

This professional pantomime is being performed for one day only at Springfield Parish Centre on Saturday 10th January. Children and adults alike are guaranteed an excellent afternoon’s entertainment, commencing 2.00 pm. Tickets are £8.50 each and can be obtained by calling 01245 464583 or email enquiries@springfieldpc.org.uk.

GUYS and DOLLS will be at the Chelmsford Civic Theatre from 24th to 28th February. Presented by Chelmsford Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society (CAODS), this iconic musical, premiered on Broadway in 1950, will get your toes tapping with such songs as *Luck Be A Lady* and *Sit Down, You’re Rockin’ the Boat*. Book via the Theatre Box Office: 01245 606505

PINEAPPLE POLL & CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS, presented by the ever-talented Chelmsford Ballet Company, are being performed at the Chelmsford Civic Theatre from 18th until 21st March. Pineapple Poll, with music by Arthur Sullivan of Gilbert and Sullivan fame, is a witty ballet, full of fun and great for all the family. Carnival of the Animals, with equally recognisable music, is a romantic tale set in a run-down theatre. This is a programme not to be missed! Tickets, priced from £12, are available from the theatre Box Office: 01245 606505.

CATS, the well-known Andrew Lloyd-Webber Musical, is being presented at the Cramphorn Theatre by Chelmsford Young Gen (CYGAMS) from 20th to 25th April. This promises to be an evening of “energetic, exhilarating and eclectic entertainment”, with such songs as *The Jellicle Ball*, *Memory* and *Mister Mistoffelees*. Directed by Sallie Warrington with Musical Direction by Bryan Cass, this is bound to be a popular production so book your tickets now. Priced from £15.50, tickets can be obtained through the Theatre Box Office: 01245 606505. Book now to avoid disappointment!

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CHELMSFORD CIVIC THEATRE

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Junior/Middle School Ballet

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Junior/Middle School Modern Theatre, Tap,
Commercial Dance Musical Theatre

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Senior School Modern Theatre, Tap, Commercial Dance Musical Theatre

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Senior School Ballet

all performances

ALL STUDENTS INVITED TO PERFORM

Further details to follow shortly

CHAPERONS REQUIRED

Could you spare some time to help look after the children at the School Show?

Would you like to know more?

Please phone Sharon Orme at the School Office

Dates for the Academic Year 2014-2015

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Office opens	Wednesday 7th January
Miss Swan's classes commence	Monday 5th January <i>see class alterations below</i>
Great Dunmow classes commence	Saturday 10th January <i>see class alterations below</i>
Term commences	Monday 12th January
Half term (no classes)	Monday 16th February to Saturday 21st February inclusive
Term ends	Saturday 28th March

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Office opens	Wednesday 15th April
Term commences	<u>Saturday</u> 18th April <i>please see notes below</i>
Half term (no classes)	Monday 25th May to Saturday 30th May inclusive
Term ends	<u>Monday</u> 6th July

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Temporary Class Alterations

CYGAMS H : Miss Swan's classes at this venue will not be held during the week commencing 9th February but they will be held instead, prior to the commencement of term, starting week commencing 5th January

GREAT DUNMO PRIMARY SCHOOL: There will be no classes at this venue on Saturday 14th February but they will be prior to the commencement of term instead, on Saturday 10th January.

CHELMER VILLAGE: Due to the elections there will be no classes at this venue on Thursday 7th May but they will be held instead, prior to the commencement of the summer term, on Thursday 16th April

Uniform Sales

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

Widford Village Hall	Saturday 17th January	9.45 am	12.15 pm
Springfield Parish Centre	Friday 23rd January	4.15 pm	6.15 pm
Great Dunmow Primary School	Saturday 24th January	9.15 am	12.15 pm

Uniform may also be ordered and paid for on-line at www.theweston.dance

Uniform Enquiries and 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, complete it and send it to the office with your payment. Where possible, goods will be sent to the student's first class after the weekend.