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AUTUMN TERM STARTS MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER
Please note: Chelmer Village and Saturday Farthing
Hall classes start 3rd & 5th September respectively
Please see back page for full temporary class alterations

Dear Parents and Students,

*Welcome to your mid-summer newsletter. We hope you are all enjoying a great summer break and making the most of the lovely weather which has finally arrived. We have decided to pop this newsletter in the post to you as we are aware that not everyone opened the email newsletter sent in June. Please do look out for these in your "in-box" as we would like to get away from costly postage when we don't have anything to enclose. Please save **news@thewestonmail.uk** to your contacts so that the letters don't go into your "spam" box.*

Together with this newsletter is a revised timetable. There are quite a number of alterations this coming term and we urge you to look at it carefully, in conjunction with your class allocation notice, to be sure we have you in the right classes. We really do try not to change the timetable very often as we appreciate that everyone has a full and busy schedule and so, hopefully, this will remain the same for at least the whole of this academic year. If any of your allocated classes is totally impossible for you to get to, please contact us so that we may have the opportunity to find a solution.

*Also to look out for details of our **Open Day**, with some free classes and the first **Tapathon** rehearsal, and our annual **Prizegiving**, being held this year at the County High School for Girls in Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. We look forward to seeing you at these two events.*

With best wishes

Elisabeth Swan
Principal



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welcome



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Congratulations

to **Miss Charlotte** and partner, Sam, on the birth of their lovely daughter, Peggy Rose, born 6.12 am on 9th June 2015, weighing in at 8lbs 4ozs. It was lovely to see mum, baby and grandma at the School Show.

and to **Charlotte Harnett, Ellie Houghton and Molly Middlebrook** upon being accepted on the Cecchetti Associate's scheme for a second year, and to **Maddie Haines** for gaining a place as a Cecchetti Scholar at the recent auditions.

Dance School of the Year 2014 Award

Miss Swan and Geoff were delighted to attend International Dance Supplies' Summer Ball in Devon to receive their certificate for being shortlisted for this prestigious award which recognised the School's achievements during the year, both in exams and performances, and for the contribution made to charitable causes. This has only been possible through the hard work and dedication of the teaching faculty and the enthusiasm and support of students and parents alike. Thank you to everyone for making the School one of the best in the country!

Open Day

Saturday 5th September

**Farthing Hall / Christchurch Youth Hall
Rear of Christchurch, New London Road
Chelmsford, CM2 0AW**

9.00 am—4.00 pm

- ◆ Coffee morning in aid of MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT
- ◆ Free taster classes—see website for details
- ◆ Order show production photographs
- ◆ Face painting & colouring competition
- ◆ Uniform sales

Prizegiving

Sunday 6th September

**County High School for Girls
Broomfield Road
Chelmsford, CM1 1RW**

3.00 pm—5.00 pm

- ◆ Presentation of Examination Certificates and Special Awards
- ◆ Performances by Invited Students

Please join us for an afternoon of entertainment and congratulations. Admission £3.50 per person—please see the booking form enclosed or go on-line to book: www.theweston.dance

TAPATHON

Sunday 15th November 2015

Now in its 5th year this NATIONWIDE TAP DANCING EVENT is a great opportunity for thousands of non-dancers and trained dancers to come together and perform the simple choreographed routine on the same day, at the same time, in hundreds of different locations throughout the UK

We hope you will want to be part of this new world record attempt and help raise funds for
BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

**Join us for registration and our first rehearsal at the end of Open Day at
3.00 pm—4.00 pm on Saturday 5th September at Christchurch Youth Hall**

In Your Envelope

TIMETABLE

A copy of the new timetable is enclosed.
Please check this in conjunction with your . . .

CLASS ALLOCATION NOTICE

This shows which class(es) you are enrolled for this coming term. Please double-check class times which may have only been changed by 15 minutes or so and CONTACT US if we've got it wrong!

COSTUME CREDIT NOTE

If you have overpaid for your show costume a credit note will be enclosed herewith. Please keep this safe and use it against your autumn term invoice when it comes.

PRIZEGIVING BOOKING FORM

We hope many of you will want to join us on this happy afternoon. Prizewinners and performers admitted free!

Did You Know That . . .

the first lesson in a new subject is **free of charge**?

the cost of the first term of a new subject is offered at **half-price**?

Musical Theatre and Commercial Jazz classes are ALWAYS charged at **half-price**?

if you introduce a new student to the school you will receive a **£10 voucher** to be used against your own fees (terms & conditions apply)?

a **Musical Theatre** class, suitable for students age 6 to 10 years, is now being held at the Farthing Hall on Saturday mornings?

Grade 2 Modern has been reintroduced to Saturday mornings at the Farthing Hall, following the Musical Theatre class?

a new **Grade 2 Ballet** class has been introduced into the timetable with Miss Ruth at Widford Village Hall on Saturday afternoons?

Contact the Office for further information

Shades of the Seasons

CONGRATULATIONS

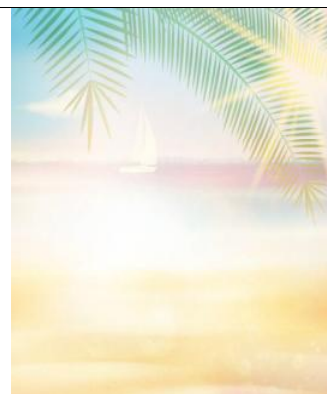
to everybody on a brilliant show!

And THANK YOU for all the lovely cards plus special messages on Facebook. It's good to know you all had a great time.

Our apologies to anyone who bought a programme on Monday as not all the children's names were listed. If you want to replace it, pop it back to us and we'll send you a new one.

Don't forget to order your DVDs and photographs— all available on-line at

www.theweston.dance



Dates for the Academic Year 2015-2016

Autumn term 2015

Office opens	Wednesday 2nd September
Term commences	Monday 7th September
Half-term (no classes)	Monday 19th to Saturday 31st October inclusive
Term ends	Saturday 28th November

Spring term 2016

Office opens	Tuesday 29th December 2015
Term commences	Monday 4th January
Half-term (no classes)	Monday 15th to Saturday 20th February inclusive
Term ends	Saturday 19th March

Summer term 2016

Office opens	Wednesday 20th April
Term commences	Monday 25th April
Half-term (no classes)	Monday 30th May to Saturday 4th June inclusive
Term ends	Monday 11th July

There will be no classes on Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2016

Temporary Class Alterations

CHELMER VILLAGE: There will be no classes at this venue on Thursday 24th September but they will be held instead, prior to the commencement of the autumn term, on Thursday 3rd September.

FARTHING HALL: There will be no classes at this venue on Saturday 26th September but they will be held instead, prior to the commencement of the autumn term, on Saturday 5th September.

STOP PRESS — Let's Make A Ballet

We have received an invitation from **The Chelmsford Ballet Company** for our students to take part in the ever-popular "Let's Make A Ballet" day which, this year, takes place at Sandon School, Molrams Lane, Chelmsford CM2 7AQ on Sunday 18th October. This is a choreographic workshop, suitable for students between the ages of 7 and 14 years (as at 1st September) which results in the presentation of a fully costumed short ballet for parents and friends at the end of the day.

To book your place please either telephone/email the school office for a booking form, or go to the school website and follow the link from where you can download a booking form. Priority for bookings is given to students of Corporate Member Schools (of which The Weston is one) at a special price of £30.00 per participant. This is a really great day but places are limited so early booking is advised!

And finally . . .

GOOD LUCK to **Joanna Burchell** and **Alice Lyon** who are dancing with English Youth Ballet in their production of Coppelia at Cliff's Pavilion, Southend-on-Sea, on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd September. We hope you have a wonderful time. To book tickets please telephone the theatre box office: 01702 351135.