

Weston News

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SPRING TERM CLASSES START MONDAY 4TH JANUARY Pre-term the office will be open from 10 am until 1pm on 29th, 30th & 31st December

Dear Parents and Students,

As I write this the lights are twinkling on the trees outside and seasonal music is being played on the radio. You won't however, receive this until after Christmas and I therefore hope you have all had a good few festive days in which to relax and recharge your batteries.

Thank you to those of you who so kindly presented the teachers with gifts leading up to the holiday. We are all most appreciative, not only of the lovely presents, but your organisational skill at shopping so far in advance!

Please remember that, if you're now feeling a little stuffed and in need of your own trimming, we have a number of options for adults: ballet, tap and Barre Fusion[®], all of which you would be most welcome to taste for free¹. The teachers look forward to seeing you at their classes.

Please take a few moments to sit down with a cuppa and read through this newsletter. It contains write-ups of some of our events last term as well as news of any class alterations plus details of how to earn a discount off your next term's fees.

*For existing students, your class allocation notice is enclosed along with your invoice. **Great Dunmow** students should pay particular attention as there has been a slight change to class times. If you are new to us this term a **BIG WELCOME**—your invoice will follow in a couple of weeks. As always, if there is something you don't understand or think we've got wrong, please do not hesitate to get in touch by email or phone.*

With best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy 2016.

*Elisabeth Swan
Principal*

¹ First lesson only



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Welcome Back

to **Miss Charlotte** who returns to the Chelmer Village branch this term, having spent the last two terms giving birth and looking after her new daughter.

Thank You

To **Miss Susan** who stood in for Miss Charlotte so brilliantly. Miss Susan will continue to teach at the Springfield Parish Centre on Fridays.

The School Year So Far

The autumn term is always a very busy term in the school year. Even before the term started Miss Marie was fully occupied with a small group of children who took part in our Summer School featuring dance, drama and singing with a theme of West End Musicals. The course culminated in a short performance for parents and friends—and jolly good it was, too!

Charitable Events

COFFEE MORNING

In aid of MacMillan Cancer Support we held a coffee morning at the beginning of September and raised £100 for this worthy cause. Huge thanks to Sharon Orme and Miss Ruth for supplying the cakes, and to Sarah Benson, Julie Firman and Maria Wright for keeping everyone fed and watered.

TAPATHON

Another world record attempt for the most people tapping the same routine throughout the country at the same time took place on 15th November. Sadly, it was 233 short of the target but THANK YOU to those who took part, raising money for Children In Need. Thanks, too, to Miss Ruth for rehearsing the routine, and to Widford Village Hall, for not charging us for the venue.

Mufti-Week

The week commencing 12th October saw students arrive in a whole plethora of different guises. Paying £1 each for the privilege we raised £400 for Children In Need—well done everyone, and thank you for entering into the spirit of the event. Pudsey Bears for the best/most original costumes were awarded to:

Lauren Bailey (Unicorn)

Kezia Burchell (Minion)

Poppy Everard (Hungry Caterpillar)

Erin Handley

Amy Hesketh

Ruby Holland

Abigail McElroy (Superwoman)

Scarlett O'Malley (Hercule Poirot)

Mathilda Smith (Ballerina Elephant)

Emily Stone (Pumpkin)

Dick Whittington

We were thrilled to be invited again to provide the Senior Chorus for Braintree Art's Centre's panto production this year. Ten of our dancers have been thrilling the audiences with their skill and professionalism so, well done, **Hannah Beales, Libby Escott, Maddie Haines, Sarah Miller, Rebecca Rollison, Danielle Sirett, Charlize and Harriette Spriggs, Abigail White and Francesca Wright.**

Prizegiving

Our prizegiving took place on the afternoon of 6th September and included performances by invited students as well as Trinity School from Kelvedon Hatch, who join in our exam sessions. We were delighted that former teacher, Michelle Harkes, presented the examination certificates and certificates of merit. Congratulations to everyone who received a special award which were presented as follows:

Hannah Cotgrove—Wanbon Award (for the most promising student)

Skye Lake—Watts Award (for the most promising junior student)

Valerie Manning—Des Claydon Award (for achievement in Adult Ballet)

Niamh O’Hanlon—Doug & Betty Wheatley Award (for Musical Theatre)

Michael Preston—Joe Turner Award (for the most promising Ballet student)

Pam Rawlinson—Claire Austin Award (for achievement in Adult Tap)

Sophie Royds—Sarah Carroll Performance Award (for performance in class)

Ella-Rose Smallwood-Gillan—Catherine Swan Memorial Award

Chloe Sparks—Corinna Bourke Award (for effort & enthusiasm in Modern and/or Tap)

Charlize Spriggs—Christina Ballard Award (for the most promising Modern Theatre student)

Abigail White—Tracy Corp Tap Dance Award (for the most promising Tap Dance student)

Kitty Wilson—Joan Weston Award (for the most promising junior student)

Francesca Wright—Nicola Jones Award (for the joy of dance)

INTRODUCE A FRIEND

For the chance to earn

£10 off your next term's fees

They will enjoy A Taster Class in any discipline free of charge
The first term's fees at half-price

Here's what to do

1. Ask your friend to go to www.theweston.dance and view the timetable
2. Choose which classes they would like to try
3. Call us to register their interest and to receive an enrolment form - don't forget to ask them to quote your account reference.
4. Your **Introduce a Friend** voucher is provided upon settlement of Friend's first invoice

HAVE A QUESTION? Phone us on **01245 287638** and leave a message - we'll get back to you as soon as we re-open.

Terms and conditions apply—please see website for details

Dates for the Academic Year 2015-2016

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—Advance Notice

CHELMER VILLAGE: There will be no classes at this venue on Thursday 5th May but they will be held instead, prior to the commencement of the summer term, on Thursday 21st April.

Uniform Sales

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

Widford Village Hall	Saturday 9th January	9.45 am—12.15 pm
Chelmer Village Hall	Thursday 14th January	4.15 pm—6.15 pm
Springfield Parish Centre	Friday 15th January	4.15 pm—6.15 pm
Great Dunmow Primary School	Saturday 16th January	9.15 am—12.30 pm

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

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, complete it and send it to the office with your payment. An order form can also be downloaded from the Members' Section of the website. Where possible, goods will be sent to the student's first class after the weekend.

STOP PRESS

NOT TO BE MISSED!! **The Sleeping Beauty** is being presented by The Chelmsford Ballet Company at our very own Chelmsford Civic Theatre from 16th to 19th March 2016. This is a great opportunity to experience ballet in an intimate setting, without having to pay London prices. Although the dancers are not paid for their performances, they are professional in every way and that, together with Tchaikovsky's wonderful music, will ensure you will enjoy a splendid afternoon/evening of quality entertainment. Tickets may be purchased from the Box Office: 01245 606505.