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SUMMER TERM CLASSES START SATURDAY 22ND APRIL 2017

**Pre-term the office will be open from 10 am until 1 pm
on 19th, 20th and 21st April**

**PLEASE NOTE that CHELMER VILLAGE classes start
back, pre-term, on THURSDAY 20TH APRIL**

Dear Parents and Students

Well, it has finally arrived—SHOW TERM! The fun starts now, and I hope you will all want to join in. It is time to learn new choreography (good for everyone, whether or not they take part in the show), dress up in whizzy costumes, put on some make-up and do what everyone has been training for—PERFORM. As many of you will know, the show happens only once every two years and we aim to make it as good as it can be. We know that all the students enjoy it and, as almost all rehearsals take place during term-time, we endeavour to put very little extra pressure on parents.

This is a bumper mailing, containing the first two show information leaflets, together with time-sensitive forms. I apologise that you are being asked to return everything so quickly but my two-week examination tour in Japan rather threw everything out of kilter and we are not as far ahead as we intended. I hope you will be able to digest the information and get the forms back to us in good time. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries whatsoever—voicemail and email are being monitored during this holiday.

Just a reminder that our adult classes are still going strong and you are welcome to join us for some exercise in a fun, social environment. We also have some “non-show” classes for those students who take additional lessons—please see the timetable.

Have a great term. Geoff and I, and all the staff, look forward to welcoming you to the theatre in July.

*Elisabeth Swan
Principal*



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Wedding Belles

Two of our former students are getting wed in the next few months. Sharon Orme's youngest daughter, **Claire**, is marrying long-time partner and fellow performer, Duncan McManus in the beautiful Lake District on 14th May.

And, **Emily James** is tying the knot to Daniel Hammond in the lovely Essex village of Sible Hedingham on 26th July. We hope both couples have a truly wonderful day and wish them good health and happiness for many years to come.

Congratulations

To **Maddie Spring** for being successful in auditions for five vocational colleges. Maddie left us last July to take up a place with Evolution College where she has been undergoing a one-year Dance Foundation Course. All her hard work has paid off and she joins one of the UK's

most prestigious vocational colleges, Laine Theatre Arts, for a three-year full-time course in September. We wish her every success and look forward to seeing her name in lights at some time in the future!

In This Pack

- ◆ **Timetable** of classes for the summer term.
- ◆ **Class** allocation notice. Please read this carefully in conjunction with the timetable and do let us know if we've got anything wrong.
- ◆ **Two** show information leaflets (not PAYG). We suggest you sit down with a cuppa and a highlighter pen and work carefully through all the information.
- ◆ **A show** reply/costume pre-payment form (where appropriate) —this needs to come straight back to us, please. Details of how to measure for costumes is contained within leaflet #2. Please be sure to provide this information as not to do so will delay the ordering of costumes.
- ◆ **A ticket** booking form. We strongly urge those of you who have a child or children dancing in one performance only to book your tickets as soon as possible as some performances may be more popular than others and we would not like you to miss out.

Can You Help?

CHAPERONES

Thank you to everyone who has kindly agreed to chaperone the children at the theatre. We still need a few more volunteers so, if you think you can help and would like more information, please get in touch with Sharon at the office by emailing to: office@theweston.dance.

SHOW CREW

Unfortunately the show doesn't run itself and we would be pleased to hear from anyone who would be interested in helping on the more technical side of things backstage, with setting up and clearing down scenery and staging, and during the show itself. No experience necessary.

FRONT OF HOUSE

Could you spare some time prior to curtain up? We need people in the foyer to help with the sale of programmes, ticket sales and the greeting of our guests. If you think you can help please do get in touch: show@theweston.dance.



Where Bluebirds Fly

A song and dance extravaganza based on
L Frank Baum's story of
"The Marvellous Land of Oz"

Civic Theatre, Chelmsford
Thursday 13th July - Saturday 15th July
7.00pm & 2.00pm Saturday Matinée

Tickets: 01245 287638

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Dates for the Academic Year 2016 / 2017

Summer Term 2017

Office opens	Wednesday 19th April
Term commences	<u>Saturday</u> 22nd April
Half-term (no classes)	Monday 29th May to Saturday 3rd June (one week)
Term ends	Monday 10th July

There will be no classes at Widford Village Hall on Bank Holiday Monday 1st May or at any of our venues on Saturday 8th July

Temporary Class Alterations

Chelmer Village: Due to the hall being used as a polling station for the local elections there will be no classes at this venue on Thursday 4th May but they will be held instead, **PRE-TERM**, on Thursday 20th April.

CYGAMS HQ: There will be no classes at this venue on Monday 15th May but they will be held instead, on **BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY**, 1st May.

Uniform Sales

As we will all be concentrating on the school show, Sharon Orme will not be attending the branches this term to sell uniform. However, should you be in need of something you can either obtain an order form from your teacher and send it in to the office with your payment, or you can order and pay on-line at bit.ly/WestonShop.

Forward Planning

In order to give you plenty of notice, here are some dates to pop in your diary:

Saturday 22nd July to Friday 28th July	Cecchetti Summer School for Young Dancers at Tring Park School for the Performing Arts—please contact the Weston office for information
Monday 24th July to Saturday 29th July	Cecchetti Summer School for Students at Elmhurst Ballet School—please contact the Weston office for information
Sunday 3rd September	Open Day at County High School for Girls, Chelmsford Choreographic Competition & Prizegiving
Wednesday 6th September	Office opens
Monday 11th September	Autumn term 2017 commences
w/c Monday 9th October	Mufti-week
Sunday 19th November	Tapathon