

Weston News

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AUTUMN TERM CLASSES START MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2017

**Pre-term the office will be open from 10 am until 1 pm
on 6th, 7th and 8th September**

**PLEASE NOTE that GREAT DUNMOW classes do not
start back until 23rd September**

and that

**MISS SWAN'S TUESDAY CLASSES AT CYGAMS will not
be held on the first Tuesday of term—see Temporary
Class alterations on the back page.**

Dear Parents and Students,

As we build up to the start of the new term there are a number of matters to which I wish to draw your attention such as timetable alterations, dates for the academic year, temporary rescheduling of classes, uniform sales dates etc. I would therefore be most grateful if you could take a moment to sit down and read through this newsletter. Should you wish to discuss anything, or need to clarify certain points, please pop in and see us at Open Day on Sunday 3rd September, or give us a call once the office reopens on Wednesday 6th September, 10am to 1pm.

Although some of our senior classes are oversubscribed, we do have some space in the junior classes and would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to either take an additional class or could introduce someone to the school. All introductions attract a £10 introduction fee (terms & conditions apply).

I do hope you will come along and support our Open Day, Choreography Competition and Prizegiving on 3rd September. Otherwise all the teachers look forward to seeing you back at classes.

With kind regards,

*Elisabeth Swan
Principal*



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with your friends.
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welcome



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Congratulations . . .

to Maddy Spring, who left us last year to take up a one-year Foundation Course at Evolution Foundation College, and who has been offered three-year vocational training at six full-time colleges. She has chosen Laine Theatre Arts, one of the country's most prestigious colleges for training in Musical Theatre. We wish her the very best of success.

and to Maddy Haines and Charlotte Harnett who have, once again, successfully auditioned for the Cecchetti Scholarship and Associates Schemes respectively. Both schemes, with classes held in London, are offered to students who show potential in classical ballet. Well done, girls!

Events Calendar

As always, the Autumn Term is a busy one, with various events happening between now and Christmas:

Sunday 3rd September County High School for Girls, Broomfield Road

Open Day

Come and visit us to

Discuss classes

Pay your fees

Order show photos

Purchase uniform

New enrolments welcome

We'd love to see you there

Choreography Competition

Commencing at 2.45 pm
come and support the brave
students who have
choreographed a dance this
summer holiday

Prizegiving

Did your son or daughter
pass a dance exam during
the last academic year? If
so, why not come along on
Sunday and help them
celebrate their achievement.

Go online to book:
bit.ly/WestonShop

Mufti Week

Week commencing 9th October

Always keen to support the BBC's appeal for Children In Need we invite all our students to dress up for their classes during this week and "bring a £1 for Pudsey". Pudsey Bear prizes are on offer so please join in the fun.

Tapathon

Sunday 19th November

For the same reason we encourage all tappers out there to take part in the nationwide Tapathon which aims to break the record for the number of people tapping the same routine at the same time. Keep an eye on the website and Facebook for details.

Let's Make A Ballet

The Chelmsford Ballet Company will be presenting its ever-popular *Let's Make A Ballet* at Sandon School on Sunday 15th October. This choreographic workshop, suitable for students between the ages of 7 and 14 years (as at 1st September 2017), results in the creation of a short ballet in one day with a performance for family and friends in the afternoon. The cost per participant is £30 and the deadline for booking at this priority rate is 17th September. Please visit the Weston website for booking details.

Autumn Term

The times of a number of classes have been changed from last term, as detailed in the August newsletter. Please double-check your class allocation notice or go onto the School website to ensure you arrive at the correct time. Please also check the back page for any temporary class alterations. These are sometimes necessary due to unavailability of a hall or teacher - venues affected this term are CYGAMS HQ, Springfield and Great Dunmow.

Can You Change?

Parents should be aware that Miss Jo's Wednesday Grade 5 Modern and Tap classes are extremely full. Whilst the numbers in these classes would not normally be an issue, the Farthing Hall is not one of our largest and, with all those long legs, it's not ideal. We would therefore urge anyone who could change to the alternative classes on Saturday afternoons to do so - please let us know if this is you.

With This Newsletter

Included with this newsletter are the following documents, where appropriate:

- ◆ Invoice - clearly not provided to those attending only Adult Tap or Adult Ballet classes!. New students will also not receive their invoice for two weeks, just to make sure your child settles with us. Unless you choose to pay by monthly standing order (see below) full payment must be received within 21 days and we are pleased to be able to offer several ways to pay:
debit or credit card, either by completing the details on the remittance advice and returning it to us, or by phoning in and making payment over the phone;
cheque, through the post or delivered to the class - please include your remittance advice;
cash (but not through the post, please) - again, include your remittance advice;
monthly standing order;
BACS to Sort Code 089250, Account No 68543198. In order for us to track the payment please make your account reference as shown on your invoice the reference for payment (and not something like Jenny's ballet!).
- ◆ Statement - if you owe us from last term, or your account is in credit (shown by a minus sign), a statement will be enclosed. Please be so good as to either pay the balance or deduct the credit from your payment.
- ◆ Costume credit note - Quadlings, Witch's Attendants and Wolves all overpaid for their show costumes and a credit note is enclosed. Please deduct the amount from your payment.
- ◆ Standing Order Mandate - As a courtesy we offer the facility of spreading your annual fees over nine months, commencing October 2017. In order to do this please complete the Standing Order Mandate and send it directly to your bank. Should you wish to set this up via your online banking please use the information on the Mandate and instruct your bank to make the first payment in OCTOBER 2017 and the final payment in JUNE 2018. We regret that we cannot extend this facility beyond that time. Please send the remittance advice to us, so that we know this is how you are going to pay, even if this is how you paid last year. To calculate the monthly amount divide your autumn term invoice by three. Again, be sure to use your account reference as the reference for payments.
- ◆ Prizegiving Confirmation - if you have booked for Prizegiving a confirmation is enclosed and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Dates for the Academic Year 2017 / 2018

Autumn Term 2017

Office opens	Wednesday 6th September
Term commences	Monday 11th September
Half-term (no classes)	Monday 16th to Saturday 28th October inclusive (two weeks)
Term ends	Saturday 2nd December

Spring Term 2018

Office opens	Wednesday 4th January
Term commences	Monday 8th January
Half-term (no classes)	Monday 12th to Saturday 17th February (one week)
Term ends	Saturday 24th March

Summer Term 2018

Office opens	Wednesday 18th April
Term commences	Monday 23rd April
Half-term (no classes)	Monday 28th May to Saturday 2nd June (one week)
Term ends	Monday 9th July

There will be no classes on Bank Holiday Monday 1st May

Temporary Class Alterations

CYGAMS HQ: Miss Swan's Tuesday classes will not be held at this venue on 12th September but will be held instead on Tuesday 17th October.

Great Dunmow: Classes will not be held at this venue on Saturday 16th September but will be held instead on Saturday 21st October

Springfield Parish Centre: Classes will not be held at this venue on Friday 29th September but will be held instead on Friday 20th October.

Uniform Sales

As well as selling at **Open Day**, Mrs Orme will be visiting the branches on the dates and times as listed below. She will carry a full stock of uniform - why not pop in?

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

Chelmer Village Hall	Thursday 21st September	4.15 pm—6.15 pm
Springfield Parish Centre	Friday 22nd September	4.15 pm—6.15 pm
Widford Village Hall	Saturday 23rd September	9.30 am—11.30 am
Great Dunmow Primary School	Saturday 30th September	9.15 am—11.15 am

Uniform may also be ordered and paid for on-line at bit.ly/WestonShop