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**SPRING TERM CLASSES START  
MONDAY 8TH JANUARY**

**Pre-term the office will be open from 10 am until 1 pm  
on 3rd, 4th and 5th January**

*Dear Parents and Students,*

*The mince pies are all eaten, the decorations are coming down and we are all gearing up for the start of another New Year and the challenges it is sure to present. I hope you have had a truly magical Christmas and that Santa was good to you. The teaching faculty are raring to get back to classes and we hope that you are, too.*

*With the New Year comes new beginnings, so why not take this opportunity to try a new style of dance. We have classes in Tap and Ballet for adults or teenage beginners, and plenty of opportunities for younger students to develop their expertise in Ballet, Modern Theatre, Tap, Jazz, Musical Theatre and Commercial Dance. You, or your child(ren), are welcome to come and try a new class free of charge and, don't forget, the first term in any new subject (when taken in addition to existing subjects) is offered at half-price.*

*If you do want to change the classes for which your family is registered, do please give us a call. Whatever you decide, we all look forward to seeing you, with a particularly warm welcome to those of you joining us for the first time.*

*With kind regards,*

*Elisabeth Swan  
Principal*



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## Last Term

The Autumn Term was a particularly busy one, commencing with our Open Day, Choreography Competition and Prizegiving. We were delighted to welcome Maddie Spring to adjudicate and to present our awards. Maddie is now in full-time vocational training at Laine Theatre Arts.

### Choreography Competition

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Choreography Competition. Your hard work over the summer holiday was much appreciated and the dances were well received by the audience. Particularly well done to **Hannah Beales** and **Charlize Spriggs**, winners of the competition with *The Spell of Dance*, and to **Danielle Sirett** who was awarded runner up with *One Jump Ahead*.

### Prizegiving

It is always such a pleasure to acknowledge the hard work and commitment the students make during the year. We were delighted to present the examination certificates and, in addition, to give some “gongs” of our own, as follows:

Joan Weston Award for Ballet - **Nicole Kerins**  
 Christina Ballard Modern Cup - **Sienna Turnbull**  
 Tracy Corp Tap Dance Award - **Alexandra Lawrence**  
 Des Claydon Award for Achievement - **Karen Lawrence**  
 Sarah Carroll Performance Award - **Eleanor Sumner**  
 Nicola Jones Award - **Freya Bischler**  
 Corinna Bourke Award - **Danielle Sirett**  
 Doug & Betty Wheatley Memorial Award - **Molly Reynolds**  
 Watts Award - **Isla Barnes**  
 Rosina Baker Award - **Amy Dobinson**  
 Diamond Award - **Jessica and Louisa Firman**  
 Catherine Swan Memorial Award - **Niamh O’Hanlon**

Certificates of Merit were awarded to **Jasmine Anderson, Elizaveta Andreeva, Isabelle Angus, Bryony Clark, Sophie Claxton, Lydia Copsey, Dolcie Dartford, Freya Demmon, Joyce Duan, Emma O’Sullivan, Harriette Spriggs, Alice Sweeney** and **Eloise Wood**.

## Mufti Week

We all had great fun during mufti-week, raising £320 for BBC’s Children In Need. Pudsey Bears, for the best or most original costume, went to **Lauren Bailey** (horse & rider), **Alicia Beard** (Princess Poppy), **Sophie Cheeseman** (Dorothy), **Sophie Claxton** (devil), **Karen Lawrence** (provided elephant masks for the whole of the adult ballet class), **Scarlett Lofthouse** (Bat Girl), **Georgina Prile** and **Heidi Smith** (unicorn). THANK YOU to everyone for taking part.

## Tapathon

This year’s Tapathon took place on Sunday 19th November and our thanks must be recorded to Widford Village Hall trustees for allowing us free use of this venue. Nineteen brave tappers took part and, although the world record wasn’t achieved (just 78 short), everyone had great fun. Thank you to Miss Ruth for all her hard work, to Sharon Orme for the yummy cakes, and to Miss Ruth’s mum, Mary, for providing the refreshments. We’ll try again this coming year - Sunday 18th November. Put the date in your diary!

## With This Newsletter

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

- ◆ Class Allocation Notice - this shows which class(es) have been allocated to you and/or your child(ren). You should note that some classes are full and some, although appearing on the timetable, have no registrations so please do call us, should you wish to change any of your allocation.
- ◆ 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 have chosen to pay by monthly standing order 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 - please see back page for details
- ◆ 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.

## New Classes

In order to accommodate the movement of students through the school following examinations, and to facilitate those who wish to take an additional ballet class, the following classes have been added to the timetable:

### **Pre-Vocational Ballet**

4.30 pm - 5.30 pm

Tuesdays @ CYGAMS

(suitable for students already studying

Grade 3, 4 or 5)

### **Grade 6 Modern**

6.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Thursdays @ CYGAMS HQ

## At the Chelmsford Civic Theatre

### **Ballet**

#### **The Chelmsford Ballet Company**

will be presenting

#### **THE SNOW QUEEN**

at the Civic Theatre

from 21st to 24th March 2018

This fairy-tale by Hans Christian Anderson follows the story of Gerda and her quest to find Kay, placed under an evil spell by the Snow Queen

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### **Musical**

#### **Chelmsford Young Generation**

will be presenting

#### **WEST SIDE STORY**

at the Civic Theatre

from 17th to 21st April 2018

Set in the Upper West Side of New York City this musical explores the rivalry between the Jets and the Sharks, two teenage street gangs of different ethnic backgrounds

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## Dates for the Academic Year 2018

### 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**

## BACS Payments

Payments for fees may be made via BACS to our Co-operative account, as follows:

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!).

## Uniform Sales

Due to the scheduling of minor surgery Mrs Orme will only be able to visit two of our branches this term, dates and times as listed below. She will carry a full stock of uniform - why not pop in? We will do our best to provide this service to Widford and Great Dunmow and will inform you via the website if this is possible.

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

Chelmer Village Hall	Thursday 11th January	4.15 pm—6.15 pm
Springfield Parish Centre	Friday 12th January	4.15 pm—6.15 pm

Uniform may also be ordered and paid for on-line at [bit.ly/WestonShop](http://bit.ly/WestonShop)

## Stop Press

During these dark and cold evenings please ensure that your children have appropriate clothing to put on after classes, for both warmth and modesty, and please be so kind as to come to the hall to collect them and not ask them to walk unaccompanied to your car or wait on the roadside for collection.

*Thank you*