

## Newsletter April 2018

Dear parents and students!

I hope you had a wonderful Easter and enjoyed a long weekend of spending time with friends and family! Please read on for the latest updates, term dates and information. For your info a separate letter will be sent out with the finer details regarding our summer shows.

Can I say a big thank you to everyone that supported our Crazy Easter Hair Competition. It was lovely to see so many children take part (with the help of lovely parents) and it was a fun way to finish the term. I can now confirm that the winner was Jessica Scott, with the runners up being Hannah Jameson and Holly Welford. Well done girls, your prizes will be given to you at the beginning of this term. More importantly we raised £73 for Red Nose Day and £73 for the costume fund which is fantastic!



Some classes also held a cake sale at the end of last term and thank you so much to all those that baked cakes for this. We raised another £120 for the costume fund!

### Costume Fund

We have now raised a total of £858 for the costume fund which is amazing! This money will be divided fairly so that the price of all children's costumes will be reduced.

### Chaperone volunteers

Thank you very much to those that have volunteered to help at the show. I am still looking for volunteers so please do let me know if you are able to help.

### Would you like to place an advert in the show program?

In order to raise more money for the show costume fund, if you would like to **put an advert in the show program regarding your local business or services** in return of a sponsor I would be more than happy to support this. The theatre can seat up to 650 people per performance so plenty of people will see the ad. Just email me with your advert and how much you would like to donate by the 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### Successes

Congratulations to Holly Welford who successfully auditioned for the Cambridgeshire Youth Ballet Company! Holly and Leona have started their training already for the big performance of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland in October. Watch this space for info on how to get tickets nearer the time.

## Adult classes

We currently run mixed ability adult ballet and tap classes on a Monday evening. However, I have had a few people interested in attending a beginners tap class which I am happy to start for those that are complete new starters or who have learnt the very basics. In order to start this class I need enough people to make it viable so please can you let me know if you would be interested in attending. These classes would start in September, timings to be confirmed.

## Summer Workshops 2018 August 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> @ Bellbird School

Our workshops are always lots of fun and are a great way to keep kids and teens active in the holidays. The pupils can learn and progress in their dance, drama and singing skills, whilst building confidence and making new friends. They also get to show off their creative skills in our art and craft activities and games, as well as take part in a treasure hunt. At the end of each course the pupils perform what they have learnt to parents in a mini show.

Pupils are split into groups according to age and ability.

### **Disney Day** 20<sup>th</sup> Aug

9am-3pm 6-16 years  
9am-12pm 3-5 years

### **Got to Dance Day** 21<sup>st</sup> Aug

9am-3pm 6-16 years  
9am-12pm 3-5 years

### **Beauty and the Beast** 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> August

9am-3pm 6-16 years  
9am-12pm 3-5 years-on the 24<sup>th</sup>  
only

### **Additional film club**

3pm-5pm every day  
£5 per day

### **Early bird booking**

6-16 years- £28 per day or £120 for all 5 days  
3-5 years- £14 per day

Booking form and full payment needs to be in by 30<sup>th</sup> June

### **Regular booking**

6-16 years- £33 per day or £145 for all 5 days  
3-5 years- £16 per day

Booking form and full payment needs to be in by 30<sup>th</sup> July



## **SECOND HAND UNIFORM**

There is a small notice board at all venues where you can either purchase, or put your child's old/unwanted uniform items up for sale. All you need to do on your advert is include the items you are selling, price, and your contact details so that any other parents can contact you for collection and payment.

## **IMPORTANT!!! Up to Date details**

Please can all parents and those attending adult classes fill in a new registration form if you have changed your email address, contact number or address. You can get one of these from your teacher at your next class. The same goes for any learning/medical needs that may have changed. Many thanks.

# Timetable and Term dates

## Timetable - Jan 2018

### Mondays @ Great Shelford Memorial Hall

4:45-5:30 Primary Ballet  
5:30-6:15 Grade 1 Ballet  
6:15-7:00 Grade 2 Ballet  
7:00-7:45 Grade 3 Modern  
7:45-8:30 Adult Ballet  
8:30-9:15 Adult Tap

### Wednesdays @ Pampisford Village Hall

4:00-4:30 Ballet Minis  
4:30-5:00 Street Minis  
5:00-5:45 Street Juniors 1  
5:45-6:30 Street Juniors 2  
6:30-7:15 Grade 3 Tap  
7:15-8:00 Street Seniors  
8:00-8:30 Grade 3/4 Ballet

### Fridays @ Whittlesford Memorial Hall

4:00-4:45 Musical Theatre Minis  
4:45-5:30 Musical Theatre Juniors 1  
5:30-6:15 Musical Theatre Juniors 2  
6:15-7:15 Musical Theatre Seniors

### Saturdays @ Icknield Primary School

09:00-09:30 Ballet Minis  
09:30-09:35 Break  
09:35-10:05 Tap/Modern Minis  
10:05-10:45 Pre Primary Ballet  
10:45-10:50 Break  
10:50-11:30 Primary Tap/Modern  
11:30- 12:00 Grade 1 Modern  
12:00-12:45 Grade 1 Tap  
12:45-1:30 Grade 2 Modern  
1:30-2:15 Grade 2 Tap  
2:15-3:00 Grade 2/4 Ballet

## Dates for your diary including Rehearsal and Show dates

### Summer Term 2018

Term starts: Saturday 14th April

**Bank Holiday May Day** – Monday 7th May – NO CLASSES!

Half Term : Monday 28th May – Sunday 3rd June

**SHOW DRESS REHEARSAL 1 - Friday 13th July- 4:30pm onwards**

@ Whittlesford Memorial Hall

**SHOW DRESS REHEARSAL 2- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July – 1:30pm-5:00pm**

@ Comberton Sports and Arts Theatre

**SHOW TIME!!! Saturday 21st July**

**Matinee 2pm-3:30pm**

**Evening performance- 5:30pm-7pm**

@ Comberton Sports and Arts Theatre

NO CLASSES WILL BE RUNNING ON THE SATURDAY OF THE SHOW!

**Summer Term finishes Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

### Emails, up to date info and last minute changes

Sometimes our emails go into junk/spam or second inboxes. Please add [dancededicationsawston@gmail.com](mailto:dancededicationsawston@gmail.com) to your contact list and then they should reach your inbox! Many thanks.



If you are on Facebook and you haven't already, please support us and like the 'Dance Dedication Sawston' page. If you have a spare minute it would be great if you could leave a review on the page, and share any posts that may interest you.



We are also on Twitter, please follow us Dance Dedication @DanceDedSawston.

Facebook, Twitter and the website will regularly be updated with any important info, including any last minute changes e.g. cancellations due to weather etc.

## **UNIFORM AND HAIR**

Please can you ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform to all classes. Dance is a strict discipline therefore the correct uniform should be worn, for the same reasons why children wear a school uniform. The correct uniform list is on the website should you have any queries. **Please note that ALL children in the Street and Musical Theatre classes should be wearing their DD tops with black leggings (girls) or black jogging bottoms or shorts (boys).** Similarly, please ensure your child's hair is neatly groomed and tied back for **all** classes. From Primary Ballet upwards, children should be wearing a classical ballet bun with bun pins and a hair net to make the bun secure. Children wear their hair up so that they can feel the length in the back of their necks and so that their hair doesn't flick in their faces when they dance. Taking pride in appearance demonstrates the discipline of classical ballet.

## **CHILDREN WAITING BEFORE, AFTER OR IN BETWEEN CLASSES**

Please note that if your child waits at the school/halls in between, before or after classes, they are your responsibility. Although it goes without saying that teachers do their best to try and keep an eye out for all children, we cannot be held responsible for any child who is on the premises on their own.

### **Icknield School classes**

As from last September we are no longer allowed access to the staff room at Icknield School. If you choose to wait at the school please wait in the corridor quietly. Thank you.

## **The boring but necessary bits.....please read carefully**

### **Please remind yourself of our fees policy**

Please ensure that you take a minute to read through the below and remind yourself of our fees policy.

1. All fees **must** be paid within 14 days of invoice.
2. Your child will be automatically enrolled into the class/classes in the future. Notice must be given, in writing, prior to the first day of a term/ ½ term if a pupil wishes to stop classes. If no notice is given then the normal fees will be due on the first day of term/ ½ term and must be paid.
3. A 10% discount is available for any family attending 3 or more classes per week. This excludes adult classes.
4. A 13% discount is available for any family attending 7 or more classes per week. This excludes adult classes..
5. Refunds/reductions/exceptions will only be issued in exceptional circumstances, not for illness or for family holidays etc.
6. A £5 admin charge will be added if fees are not paid by the due date stated on the invoice. Please do not ignore the due date, but speak to Miss Christina in advance if you are having problems paying the fees.
7. If classes are cancelled due to illness or bad weather they will be made up at the next available school holiday and no refund will be given. Refunds will only be given if the class cannot be rescheduled for another time.
8. In sending your child to classes with us it is understood that you agree to abide by the fees policy.

A big thank you to all of those that pay your invoices in time, it is very much appreciated.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, myself and the other teachers are looking forward to getting stuck in with show work, and not to mention working those Easter eggs off!

Yours sincerely,

**Miss Christina**  
**Principal of Dance Dedication**