

Show letter

THIS LETTER IS IMPORTANT AND MUST BE READ THOROUGHLY, AS IT RELATES NOT ONLY TO PERFORMANCE AND REHEARSAL TIMINGS AND VENUES, BUT ALSO TO THE CARE AND SUPERVISION OF YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN.

Dear parents and carers,

As you know, *all* of the children have been invited to perform in the show in July. It's been such a long time since we have been able to perform in front an audience and we are so excited! Show time is such a special time for our students as it creates so many lovely memories, new friendships are often formed and the children really do learn to support one another and work as a team. It also allows parents and carers to see what their children have been learning in class, the progress they have made and watch them shine.

All show dances are well underway and pupils have been working very hard in their classes. Please read on for as much information we have at present regarding the shows, rehearsals, your role during show term and what is expected of the children. A show running order will not be available until nearer the time, all lists of numbers below are in no particular order at present.

A reminder of your commitment in the show term

Show dance term is often very exciting as it gives the children a break from syllabus and exam work, and a chance to learn a full length dance to a high standard. The children also love performing on a stage with costumes, perhaps props, lights and an audience!

Please may I add that it is very important that the children attend *all classes and both rehearsals* in the run up to the show and that they are committed throughout the summer term. This also means arriving to their class on time and being ready for a prompt start! Of course I will always recognise any unforeseen circumstances and recognise that these cannot be avoided.

The children work so hard learning the show work, and if one child misses a class/rehearsal, they will fall behind as there often is not enough time to go over parts already taught, it is also unfair to keep going over parts that the rest of the class have already learnt as it holds all of the students back in that class and their dance will not progress. May I add that if someone drops out after having learnt the routine, it still affects the rest of the children in that dance. Meaning that the well-attended students could be left without a partner, or are having to change parts of their dance due to the choreography and patterns then not working because a person is missing. Having to rearrange/change choreography is stressful on the teacher and student so please do have this in mind in the run up to the show.

Rant over and thank you in advance for your understanding in this!

Please can you encourage your child/children to practice at home. Children that are confident with the choreography are often the ones that enjoy the show the most and can really work on performing with their faces as well as their bodies. We as teachers do see a big difference in performance and energy when pupils go home and practice so we really do encourage this! Many thanks in advance!

Rehearsal and Show dates

SHOW REHEARSAL- Sunday 3rd July- 10am onwards- for specific times please read on.
@Whittlesford Memorial Hall

SHOW DRESS REHEARSAL- Friday 15th July – 4pm-onwards-for specific times please read on.
@ Comberton Sports and Arts Theatre

SHOW TIME!!! Sunday 17th July – Matinee at 1:00pm- dancers to arrive at 11:15am
@ Comberton Sports and Arts Theatre

SHOW TIME!!! Sunday 17th July - Evening Performance at 5:00pm- dancers to arrive at 4pm
@ Comberton Sports and Arts Theatre

Important Addresses

Whittlesford Memorial Hall, Mill Lane, Whittlesford, Cambridge CB22 4NE

Comberton Sports and Arts, West Street, Comberton, Cambridge, CB23 7DU

IMPORTANT- ALL PUPILS WILL BE PERFORMING IN BOTH SHOWS APART FROM THE FOLLOWING WHO WILL BE PERFORMING IN JUST ONE SHOW:

MATINEE PERFORMANCE ONLY	Street Minis
	Pre-Primary Ballet Wednesday
	Pre-Primary Ballet Friday
EVENING PERFORMANCE ONLY	Ballet Minis Friday
	Ballet Minis Saturday
	Tap Modern Minis Saturday
	Pre-Primary Ballet Saturday

Costumes

We are still in the process of ordering these. Invoices for these will be sent out as soon as we have procured all of the costumes. Once we have received payment we will be handing them out to all students at the class.

Rehearsal Fee

There will be a rehearsal fee of £5 (£2.50 per rehearsal) which will be added to your next half terms invoice. This is a donation towards venue hire.

Please read on for more info....

Details and Timetable of Dress rehearsal on Sunday 3rd July at Whittlesford Memorial Hall

Please note: Professional photographs will be taken at this rehearsal

Please sign your child/children in and out by yourselves at the entrance door.

Parents/carers are to look after their own children at this rehearsal.

Hair and make up should be done before arriving at the hall so that all pupils need to do is change into costume and have a quick toilet break if needed. Hair and make up instructions will follow. Stage hair and make up is required as this is where professional photos will be taken.

Please arrive in plenty of time so that your child is ready to dance for their specified time slot. We have many dances to rehearse so we will be running on a tight schedule and will not be able to wait for late arrivals. All children need to be ready to dance in full costume at their allocated time (please see below).

When the teachers are ready to rehearse your child's dance they will call them into the main hall. Parents are to wait outside please. Once the dance has been rehearsed children will be taken to the photographer to have their photos taken. Once your child has performed all of their dances and had their photos taken they are free to go.

Please look for your child's specific class and name in the table below to see their rehearsal time.

Time	section	class
10:00-10:30 PICNIC A	Picnic children	G2 ballet
	bees	Ballet minis Fri
	bees	Ballet minis Sat
	butterflies	Adult ballet
10:40-11:10 PICNIC B	rain	Grade 2/3 modern
	fairies	Primary ballet Sat
	flowers	Grade 4/5 ballet
11:20-11:50 BEACH	seaside	Primary ballet Mon
	Surfers	G1 Modern
	Ocean	Street Minis
	Hawaii dance	Tap/Modern Minis
12:00-12:30 LONDON 1	42 nd Street	G5 Tap
	Oliver	G1 Tap
	9-5	G4 Tap
	Fame	Jazz
12:40-13:10pm LONDON 2	Shopping	Street Juniors 1
	Pick a Pocket	Musical Theatre
	London Soldiers	Street Juniors 2 and Seniors
13:15-13:30 NEWYORK	New York	Grades 4/5 modern
13:40-14:10 ZOO	Elephants	Pre-primary ballet Wed
	Lions	Pre-Primary Ballet Sat
	Tarzan	Grade 2 Tap
	Penguins	Pre-Primary ballet Fri
14:20-14:50 BOAT	Sailors	G1 Ballet
	Aquarium	G3 Ballet
	Under the Sea	Primary Tap/Mod

Details of Dress Rehearsal on Friday 15th July at Comberton Sports and Arts Theatre

Hair should be done before you arrive. Make up for this rehearsal is optional.

Please bring a hoody, onesie or something for your child to wear over their costume when waiting around so they don't get dirty. Please do not let your child drink or eat in their costume to avoid spillages and stains- obviously water is an exception!

Please make sure your child has sufficient food and drink to last throughout the rehearsal (no nut products please).

There is likely to be waiting around therefore please bring something for the children to do e.g. book, colouring in (no pens please), etc.

Please make sure that all children arrive 15 minutes before their rehearsal slot so they have sufficient time to get ready. Please note that many children will be arriving at the same time so it may take some time to get all the children signed in hence the early arrival time. Thank you in advance for your patience. Parents will need to escort their children to the theatre entrance where they will need to sign their children in with their registered chaperone. The children will be organised into dressing room groups during the rehearsal and performances (designated chaperones and dressing room groups will be emailed out nearer the time). Parents will then leave the children with their designated chaperone, who will then escort the children to their changing area in their allocated groups.

Please note that unless you are a Chaperone, for whom we have paperwork, you will not be allowed backstage. Parents/carers will not have contact with their children during the show or interval, nor will friends/siblings etc. be allowed access to the dressing rooms. We would be grateful for your understanding and cooperation with this, in order to safeguard the children. Thank you.

After the rehearsal all parents/carers will need to wait outside the theatre entrance to collect their children. All under 16s must be collected by an adult. The chaperones will escort the children to the theatre entrance where parents/carers can sign them out before taking them home. We ask for your patience during this process as there will be many children to be collected.

Please look for your child's specific class and name in the table below to see their rehearsal time.

Time	section	class
Sign in at 16:00 for a 16:15 start Rehearsal time 16:15-17:00 Collect children at 17:00 UNLESS they are in another dance later in the evening	Cake by the ocean	Street Minis
	Hawaiin dance	Tap/Modern Minis
	Picnic children	Grade 2 Ballet
	Bees	Ballet Minis FRI
	Bees	Ballet Minis SAT
	Pick a pocket	Musical Theatre
Sign in at 17:00 for a 17:15 start Rehearsal time 17:15-18:00 Collect children at 18:00 UNLESS they are in another dance later in the evening	Elephants	Pre-Primary ballet WED
	Penguins	Pre-Primary ballet FRI
	Lions	Pre-Primary ballet SAT
	I do like to be beside the seaside	Primary Ballet Mon
	Fairies	Primary Ballet Sat
	Under the Sea	Primary Tap/Modern
Sign in at 18:00 for a 18:15 start Rehearsal time 18:15-19:15 Collect children at 19:15 UNLESS they are in another dance later in the evening	Shopping	Street Juniors 1
	Sailors	Grade 1 Ballet
	Rain	Grade 2/3 Modern
	Surfers	Grade 1 Modern
	Tarzan	Grade 2 Tap
	Consider yourself	G1 Tap
Sign in at 19:00 for a 19:15 start Rehearsal time 19:15-20:00 Collect children at 20:00 UNLESS they are in another dance later in the evening	London Soldiers	Street Juniors 2 and Seniors
	Aquarium	Grade 3 Ballet
	Flowers	Grade 4/5 Ballet
	9-5	G4 Tap
Sign in at 19:45 for a 20:00 start Rehearsal time 20:00-20:40 Collect children at 20:30 UNLESS they are in another dance later in the evening	New York	G4/5 Modern
	We're in the money	G5 Tap
	Fame	Jazz/Contemp
	Butterflies	Adult Ballet

Details of Matinee and Evening Performance on Saturday 17th July at Comberton Sports and Arts Theatre

Matinee Performance

Minis, Pre-Primary and Primary students to promptly sign in at 11:10

Juniors, Seniors and all classes grade 1 and upwards sign in promptly at 11:25

Please arrive in plenty of time so the performers have sufficient time to get ready for a 12:00pm start to rehearse the finale. The show will start at 12:45pm

Evening Performance

Minis, Pre-Primary and Primary students to promptly sign in at 4:00pm

Juniors, Seniors and grades 1 and upwards sign in promptly at 4:10pm

Please arrive in plenty of time so the performers have sufficient time to get ready for a 4:30pm start to rehearse the finale. The show will start at 5pm.

The below information corresponds to both performances

Parents will need to escort their children to the theatre entrance where they will need to sign their children in with their registered chaperone. The children will be organised into dressing room groups during their performances (designated chaperones and dressing room groups will be emailed out nearer the time). Parents will then leave the children with their designated chaperone, who will then escort the children to their changing area in their allocated groups.

Please note that many children will be arriving at the same time so it may take some time to get all the children signed in hence the early arrival time. Thank you in advance for your patience.

All will rehearse the Finale before going back to their changing area and getting ready for the start of the show.

ALL children are to stay back stage for the whole show so that they can all be included in the finale dance at the end. There is likely to be waiting around again, therefore please bring something for the children to do backstage e.g. book, colouring in, kindle etc.

Each show will last approximately 1 hour and 45 mins.

Matinee performance- After the performance parents/carers will need to pick their child/children up and sign them out after the matinee performance at 2:30pm.

The chaperones will escort the children to the theatre entrance where parents/carers can sign them out before taking them home, (Minis and pre-primaries) or taking them out for some fresh air and early dinner before the second performance. All under 16s must be collected by an adult. *We ask for your patience during this process as there will be many children to be collected.*

Evening performance- Parents/carers will need to pick their child/children up and sign them out after the evening performance at 7:15pm.

The chaperones will escort the children to the theatre entrance where parents/carers can sign them out before taking them home. All under 16s must be collected by an adult. *We ask for your patience during this process as there will be many children to be collected.*

Please note that unless you are a Chaperone, for whom we have paperwork, you will not be allowed backstage. Parents/carers will not have contact with their children during the show or interval, nor will friends/siblings etc. be allowed access to the dressing rooms. We would be grateful for your understanding and cooperation with this, in order to safeguard the children. Thank you.

PLEASE COULD ALL AUDIENCE MEMBERS STAY FOR BOTH HALVES OF THE SHOW, IT'S VERY DISHEARTENING FOR THE CAST TO LOOK OUT AND SEE EMPTY SEATS WHERE PEOPLE WERE SITTING IN THE FIRST HALF. ALL CAST MEMBERS WORK EXTREMELY HARD PLEASE SUPPORT THEM ALL.

Performers should:

Bring plenty of water and snacks. (No fizzy drinks or anything containing nuts)

Have colouring etc (no felt tips) to keep younger children occupied (Phones and I pads used at the owners own risk)

Have all costumes labelled and easily accessible to them.

Any other clothing and possessions labelled.

Be sensible about what you bring, there will not be lots of space.

Have spare hair bands, grips, hairspray etc.

SHOW MAKE UP – It is necessary for all performers to wear makeup on the stage, faces can disappear under stage lights without it. All performers need the following - Foundation, blusher, brown eye shadow, eyeliner, mascara, red lipstick. **NO GLITTER!**

UNDERWEAR – All performers should wear nude, seamless underwear. Underwear should not be visible under costumes, no bra straps hanging out etc.

A note for parents/helpers/audience members

PHOTO'S to be taken by the professional photographer ONLY, photos/videos are not permitted to be taken at any time during the rehearsals and performances. Anyone found to be using phones or cameras to take photos will be asked to leave the premises, as this is a safe guarding issue and a major distraction to the performers and other members of the audience. It will also impact on the quality of filming of the DVD.

Parking

There is a large car park just outside the theatre, which is available for us all to use.

Show Photographs

Professional photographs will be taken at the dress rehearsal and at the shows. These will be individual and group shots. Those that have not given consent to use photos for promotional purposes will not be included in the group photos. If you do not give consent for promo photos but would like a group photo then please let me know and we can get an additional photo taken. If you would like sibling photos taken please let me know in advance so we can organise this.

At the shows you will be able to pick up a leaflet with instructions on how to purchase any photos. They will be put up in an online gallery and only those with the password will be able to view them. That will be myself, other DD teachers and pupils families-**no one else will have access to the photos**. There are many different packages to choose from, the most popular package is two 7x5 prints for £15.00 or two downloads for £20.00.

Professional Show DVD

The performances on Sunday 17th July will be recorded and DVD will be available to purchase a few weeks after the performance, price will range from £16. Please look out for order forms at the performances.

SHOW TICKETS

SHOW TICKETS ARE £15.00 WITH OVER 60'S AND UNDER 16'S PRICED AT £13.00 AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ONLINE FROM 1st JUNE! PLEASE INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY, THE ONLY WAY WE CAN CONTINUE TO OFFER OUR STUDENTS OPPORTUNITIES LIKE THESE IS IF THEY ARE WELL SUPPORTED. PLEASE SEE LINK BELOW TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKET!

<https://stagestubs.com/gb/dance-dedication/a-grand-day-out>