

# Newsletter

**Autumn 2019 – Term dates – Tapathon Success – Sad farewell**

## TERM DATES

**NEXT TERM** starts Monday 06 January **EXCEPT Miss O'Donovan's Tuesday Pointe class** which will start on 14<sup>th</sup> January. It will finish Friday 27 March **EXCEPT** possible RAD exams day Saturday 28 March.

**HALF TERM** will be Sunday 16 February – Saturday 22 February inclusive.

**THIS TERM** finishes Wednesday 04 December **EXCEPT**

**MISS O'DONOVAN'S Thursday and Friday MORNING classes** will finish 06 December.

**Watching week** will be Monday 25 to Friday 29 November inclusive **EXCEPT Miss O'Donovan's NEW Inter Tap** which will have watching on 03 December. **Christmas dress up days** will be Monday 02 – Wednesday 4 December – wear your Christmas jumpers/t-shirts/onesies/pyjamas to class to get Christmas started!!

**PARKING AT PARK HALL – Busy Bees spaces** We have received a complaint from both Busy Bees Day Nursery and from a parent of one of the children at the nursery about parents collecting dancers from classes at Park Hall from late afternoon to around 6.45pm each night. PLEASE DO NOT PARK OR WAIT IN THE DAY NURSERY SPACES as these are needed for parents collecting little ones from nursery. The area around the hall is congested enough without the predicament of parents having to block the access road to enable them to collect from the day nursery.

**SPECIAL OFFER** If you recommend our classes from Tiptoe Toddler up to Primary level (any genre) to a friend, they would be welcome to come along for a complimentary taster class. If they then decide to enrol for the term, we will credit your HDS account with £10.00 towards future fees - they just need to tell us that they heard about the class from you when they enrol!

## TAPATHON SUCCESS

Tapathon 2019 took place on **Sunday 17 November** to raise money for Children in Need as well as being part of a nationwide attempt to break the record for the greatest number of people performing the same tap routine at multiple venues, simultaneously (the current Record stands at 7,596 persons). The entry fee for each of the 49 people attending included a donation to Children in Need and our cake stall raised an additional £229.80 for the Charity – MASSIVE thank you to all who brought and/or bought the cakes and biscuits!

The organisers, Performers Project, are still verifying numbers – we will let you know via our social media pages as soon as we hear whether the record attempt was as successful as the fundraising!

**INVOICES** for the Spring term invoices will be sent out mid December so please make contact if you haven't received anything by first week of term.

**KEEPING UP TO DATE** Please join our facebook group *Harpenden Dance School (formerly LSSD)* to get reminders, updates, news and inspirational pics and video clips! **Our website** is also a great source of information – find us at [www.harpendendance.com](http://www.harpendendance.com)

**LOST PROPERTY** All unclaimed lost property will be donated to the uniform sale or charity shops after 31 December.

**SHOW 2019!** To be sure you don't miss the next one pop 07 – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021 in the diary!

**RETIREMENT** – It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Mrs Cox at the end of this term as she retires and heads off to spend more time with her family. Many of you have enjoyed her exam coaching classes on Sundays and her Senior Ballet and pointe classes on Tuesdays; I know that I have many fond memories of my dance classes with her when she taught me all those years ago, and was so pleased to be able to work alongside her when I came back to teach. Mrs Cox has really enjoyed teaching you all too! We wish her all the best and will miss her terribly.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all HDS pupils who achieved in their GCSEs and A Levels last term as well as to our hard working RAD and ISTD exam candidates – we are always excited to see commitment and drive result in improvements in technique and performance to be proud of!

**UNIFORM** – Hannah Turner (contact details on website) will be doing a character skirt order after the New Year. It will be advertised on Facebook. There will also be another sale before half term. People can always contact her anytime to see what stock she has in the meantime. Other suppliers of uniform (not character skirts) are Stage Door in Southdown or BSU on Station Road or online. [https://beatschooluniforms.co.uk/clubs/harpenden\\_dance\\_school/](https://beatschooluniforms.co.uk/clubs/harpenden_dance_school/)

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and good health and happiness for New Year.

*Philippa O'Donovan*

268 Camp Road | St Albans | Herts | AL1 5PQ

**W** [www.harpendendance.com](http://www.harpendendance.com) **E** [info@harpendendance.com](mailto:info@harpendendance.com) **T** 01727 856 421

**Principal | Philippa O'Donovan LLB (Hons), ARAD, FISTD**

