End of Term Newsletter - Autumn 2022

Spring Term Dates - please read carefully! These are dependent on the exam dates we are given

Monday 9th January - term starts for all classes

Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February - half term/no classes

Sunday 2nd April - end of term/final day of classes/exams

Second Hand Uniform Role

We are looking for someone to take on the second hand uniform as Hannah Turner, who has done such a wonderful job, is stepping down at the end of term. She would be very happy to discuss what the role entails with anyone who thinks this is something they might be able to help with. There are personal benefits to the role as well as the social benefit of supporting more sustainable living. Sadly the second hand service will now not be available until a replacement is found.

Charity Events

Tapathon success a whopping 7284 tappers took part in the event nationwide, falling short of the record by just 312 HOWEVER the money raised by the event was an incredible £29,136 and we raised an additional £168.85 at the Cake Sale at our event. We also loved having tappers of all ages coming together to dance - thank you to everyone who participated or supported the event.

Planning ahead Show 2024 We are excited to announce that our next show will take place on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th March 2024 for G1 and above (there is no show in 2023). Sunday rehearsals will be 28th Jan, 4th, 11th & 25th Feb & 3rd March, Tech rehearsal Thursday 7th and Dress rehearsal Friday 8th March.

NEW CLASSES - TIME TO TRY SOMETHING NEW!!

We are excited to be offering a FOUR WEEK FREE TRIAL of the following NEW classes in January:

Pre-School Dance - Mondays at 2.30 - 3.00pm at High Street Methodist Church. This class will be suitable for any pupils c. 3 - 4 yrs, so perhaps you already have a dancer with us who has a younger sibling who would like to come along! NEW Primary Tap/G1 Modern - Wednesdays 4:30 - 5:15pm at St Georges' Sports Hall. Ages +5 yrs.

Body Conditioning, Contemporary Dance Technique and Choreography - 8 - 12 yr olds - 4:00 - 4:45pm at Park Hall - a great way to reduce stress by combining a physical workout with creativity and the freedom to express yourself.

Invoices

Invoices for the Spring Term fees will be emailed out in the Christmas holidays; please use your invoice number in your payment reference. Please let us know immediately if there are any changes to your schedule (cancellations or changes). If changes are made after you receive your invoice, administration charges may apply. If you do not receive your invoice by the start of term, please let us know.

Changing Facilities at Venues

With the weather getting colder we are delighted to confirm that waiting/changing spaces will once again be available for before and after class at St Nicholas Church Hall (this must be in The Cunningham Room and NOT the foyer), Park Hall (though this is now very limited so belongings must be brought into class and exit will still be via the fire exit), Musicale (please use considerately as this is the throughway to music lessons for other users), and High Street Methodist Church (entry now via the first door, changing room up a few stairs to the right).

Exams Spring/Summer

We are planning to have ISTD Modern and Tap exams in March/April and June/July and RAD Ballet exams Sat 20/Sun 21 May 2023. We will be sending out letters with more information and links to entry forms to the relevant classes over the coming weeks so please keep an eye on your emails and respond as soon as you can to help us with planning the sessions effectively.

Staff Changes

We are excited to have welcomed Mrs Wareham to our school, she has joined our Tap & Modern faculty this term and has settled straight in. For those who haven't met her please head over to the website to get acquainted! Please see our website for more information on all our teachers.

> We thank you for your continued support and wish you all a fabulous festive season, a restful break, and look forward to seeing you all for the Spring Term.

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