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## Newsletter September term - 2017

Dear Parents,

**TERM NEWS –**

Another busy term draws to a close! I am really pleased to announce that we have secured a date at the Aylesbury Waterside Theatre for our tri-annual **show: Sunday May 20th 2018**. Another prestigiously Ambassador theatre, we are really privileged to be able to stage our show here for the first time and will commence working toward it during lesson time from January 2018. All pupils will be offered the opportunity to take part in as many dances as they wish to, within their age group, in addition to their regular class dances. As our Safeguarding Children Policy is top priority, I would ask any parent or relative that is willing to apply for a volunteer chaperone license, with a view to helping back stage, to contact me as soon as possible so that I can direct you to the appropriate council department.

**ALBERT HALL, ‘STARS IN THE ROUND’–**

Our performance at The Royal Albert Hall on Monday May 29th was a great success. All 79 pupils danced brilliantly and were impeccably behaved, a real credit to the school. It was a memorable day and a great experience. You can view the dance at <https://youtu.be/OSl3SaNu2EQ> and photos can be ordered directly from [http://www.btphotography.co.uk/…/the-royal-albert-hall-290…/](http://www.btphotography.co.uk/galleries/mardi-gras-dance/the-royal-albert-hall-290517/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

**ST MARYS CARNIVAL PROCESSION, SATURDAY JULY 1st –**

In order to promote our school we are taking part in the Edlesborough Carnival procession again this year. Joining the procession as it leaves the White Horse in Eaton Bray at approximately 12.00, we shall proceed with the floats and other groups along to the Village green in Edlesborough. Please do come along to support us if you can. Pupils are invited and encouraged to march with the procession wearing their white or pink ‘JoAnn Latus School of Dance’ show T-shirt or hoodie if they have one. Details of the carnival can be found at <http://www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com>

**\*\*SEPTEMBER SPECIAL OFFERS\*\* –**

FREE LESSONS: Eaton Bray pupils aged 7-9 years - Friday Grade 2 Modern class 5.30 – 6.00pm may be taken free for half a term. Aylesbury pupils aged 7-9 years – Thursday Aston Clinton Grade 2 Modern class 5.00 – 5.30pm may also be taken free for a 5-week trial. In addition to this, any pupil may attend a second class each week, of the same grade and genre to that as they already attend, totally free of charge. This may facilitate quicker progression through exams if pupils wish.

**SEPTEMBER TIME TABLE CHANGES! –**

Please note that there are several changes to the timetable, particularly on Wednesday, as we restructure again following the recent exams and try to keep classes small when in the smaller venues. If you are unable to attend your class at the new time please do refer to the timetable, as there may be an alternative class more convenient for you.

**TERM DATES 2017 - NOTE:- NO CLASSES ON HIGHLIGHTED DATES**

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|  **SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER** |

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**11week term - Classes start on Thursday September 7th and finish on Wednesday December 6th**

**Half term Dates – Monday October 22nd – Saturday November 4th**

**\*Please note – although we have a 2-week half term:**

 **There are NO classes on Friday October 13th but there ARE classes on Friday November 3rd in Eaton Bray\***

**UPDATED SCHOOL RULES –**

* The full fees are due within the first two weeks of a new term. Any fees that remain unpaid by half term will incur a further £5.00 administrative charge. There may be a reduced rate if fees are paid early – please see individual details.
* Correct uniform is to be worn to class at all times. This includes hair tied up off the face and in a Ballet bun for Grade 4 Ballet and above. Shoes must be correctly fitted and checked by the teacher if purchased from the Internet.
* Parents will be invited to watch class at the end of term. Please do not ask to watch during other lessons, unless with prior agreement with the teacher.
* Please notify the teacher or Jo of any illness/injury or if removing a child from the premises between their scheduled classes.
* The school requires half a terms notice of intention to leave. Otherwise a bill will be produced for half a terms fees.
* The school requires notification of alternative dance schools and genres that a pupil attends.
* The school operates a strict NO BULLYING policy
* Exams are offered at the discretion of the teacher.
* As social media is prevalent, parents are asked to remind older pupils not to post inappropriate images of one another in class/changing room environment.
* Children are not the responsibility of the school before or after the lessons that they attend. Unless by prior arrangement with the teacher; to drop off early, pick up late or for pupils to wait unattended between classes.
* Students must attend all examination practises. Failure to do so may result in the student being removed from the examination session.

**UNIFORM & SHOP** –

All dance shoes must be professionally fitted. These, along with any ballet uniform, can be purchased from Stages Dance Wear, 5a London Road, Aston Clinton. The shop is open: Wednesday 10am – 1pm, Thursday & Friday 6.00pm – 7.30pm and Saturday 10am – 3pm. If in doubt then please call (01296) 630296. Pupils from Eaton Bray, may order uniform from the shop through me by asking one of my assistants, on Tuesday or Friday. Payment must be made before garments are taken home.

**MODERN & TAP UNIFORM –**

**Primary through Grade 3 Modern & Tap** - There are 2 styles of leotards in 4 different colours with an option of matching dance shorts and tie tops for winter. Leotards are designed and made by Clo Perry and can be ordered through me. Prices from £16.00 - £19.00 and can be viewed by asking any member of staff. **Grade 4 and above –** Senior girls will be required to wear any style plain black leotard. Leg wear, if required, may be small black dance shorts that can be worn over the leotards or black leggings. Please remember that ballet uniform may be worn for ANY style of dance class.

Tap shoes with a low heel and with toe and heel taps fitted are required for tap dance classes. Jazz shoes or bare feet are required for Modern classes.

**RAD BALLET UNIFORM –**

**Pre-Primary and Primary Ballet** wear a lilac capped sleeved leotard with a matching lilac wrap-over skirt, cardigans are optional. **Grade 1** **Ballet** girls wear a pale blue leotard, capped or sleeveless, with waist elastic (no skirts). **Grades 2 and above** wear navy blue capped or sleeveless leotards with waist elastic. **Grades 1 and above** also require Character shoes and character skirts in addition to ballet shoes. **Intermediate Ballet** girls may wear black or navy strappy leotards. All pupils may wear pink ballet socks or ballet tights and ballet x-over cardigans that match the leotard colour are optional throughout. Ballet shoes must have elastic fitted.

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM –**

Thank you again to Nikki Swanscott, who runs the second hand uniform service. Voluntarily providing you with the ability to buy and sell your used dancewear. Nikki can be contacted by text/phone on 07834 515351. Please do not hand in any shoes or items of clothing that are past their best!

**FEES EXPLAINED & DIRECT PAYMENT** –

There is a flat termly fee for each family of either £50.00 or £55.00 per term. This is regardless of the number of weeks in each term. This term it will be 11 week in duration. Thereafter fees are reduced accordingly for siblings and second classes. **Any additional classes in the same grade and genre may be attended free of charge**. If you make payment on or before Monday July 24th, you may deduct a £5.00 ‘early payment’ from the total shown at the foot of this letter. Post dated cheques, received before this date may also deduct this £5.00 charge.

Please let me know if you have trouble paying fees. Cheques should be made payable to Miss J. Latus. Please note that if you have an agreement with me to pay weekly then you must still pay for your child if he/she is away for a week or more. If you wish to make payment by bank transfer then please email me once you have done so, detailing when and the amount paid. Please reference the transfer with your child’s surname & Christian name if possible. All cash payments must be accompanied by a confirmation text or email to me to ensure that I know how much is being paid and for whom.

*Beneficiary Name: J Latus School of Dance Sort Code: 12-24-81 Account Number: 06836180*

TIME-TABLE – September 2017 (Denotes different times or classes)

 MONDAY – WESTON TURVILLE TUESDAY – EATON BRAY

 4.15 - 4.45  4.00 - 4.30 Pre-Primary *ex class Ciara*

 4.45 - 5.15 4.30 - 5.00 Primary Ballet *Street*

 5.15 - 5.45 *Grade 5 Ballet exam*  5.00 - 5.30 Grade 1 Ballet *ex class Ciara*

 5.45 - 6.15 Grade 6 Modern 5.30 - 6.00 Grade 2 Ballet Grade 6 Tap

 6.15 - 6.45 Grade 5 Tap 6.00 - 6.30 Grade 3 Ballet Inter Modern

 6.45 - 7.15 Street Jazz 6.30 - 7.00 Grade 5 Tap

 7.15 – 8.00 Inter Modern 7.00 – 7.30 Grade 6 Modern Ex Grade 6 ballet

 7.30 - 8.00 Grade 6 Ballet *ex class Ciara*

 8.00 – 8.30 Inter F Ballet *ex class Ciara*

##### WEDNESDAY - WESTON TURVILLE THURSDAY - ASTON CLINTON

 3.00 - 3.30 Pre-School 3.30 - 4.00 Pre-Primary

 3.45 - 4.15 Pre-Primary Primary Ballet 4.00 - 4.30 Primary Tap

 4.15 - 4.45 Grade 1 Tap Primary Tap 4.30 - 5.00 Primary Ballet

 4.45 - 5.15 Grade 1 Ballet Grade 2 Ballet 5.00 - 5.30 Grade 2 Modern

 5.15 - 5.45 Grade 2 Tap Grade 3 Tap (New group) 5.30 - 6.00 Grade 1 Tap

 5.45 - 6.15 Grade 4 Modern Grade 3 Ballet (Group 1) 6.00 - 6.30 Grade 1 Ballet

 6.15 – 6.45 Inter F Ballet Grade 3 Tap (Old group) 6.30 - 7.00 Grade 3 Ballet

 6.45 - 7.30 Grade 7 Ballet Grade 4 Tap 7.00 - 7.30 Grade 3 Modern

7.30 – 8.00 Grade 5 Modern Grade 3 Ballet (Group 1) 7.30 - 8.15 Grade 4 Ballet

 **FRIDAY – E. BRAY FRIDAY – E. BRAY SATURDAY - STOKE M**

 4.00 - 4.30 Pre-Primary Ballet 4.00 - 4.30 Primary Ballet 9.00 - 9.30 Grade 4

 4.30 - 5.00 Primary Tap 4.30 - 5.00 Grade 1 Tap 9.30 - 10.00 Grade 3

 5.00 - 5.30 Grade 2 Ballet 5.00 - 5.30 Grade 1 Ballet 10.00 - 10.30 Grade 2 Modern

 5.30 - 6.00 Grade 2 Modern 5.30 - 6.00 Grade 3 Modern 10.30 - 11.00 Grade 2

 6.00 - 6.30 Grade 3 Tap 6.00 - 6.30 Grade 2 Tap 11.00 - 11.30 Primary

 6.30 - 7.00 Grade 4 Tap 6.30 - 7.00 Grade 3 Ballet 11.30 – 12.00 Pre-School

 7.00 - 7.30 Grade 4 Modern 7.00 - 7.30 Grade 5 Modern 12.00 - 12.30 Pre-Primary

 7.30 - 8.00 Grade 4 Ballet 7.30 - 8.00 Grade 5 ballet 12.30 - 1.00 Grade 5 Ballet

 8.00 - 8.30 Street/hip hop 8.00 – 8.30

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PLEASE FILL OUT DETAILS BELOW IF INCORRECT, DETACH & RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR REMITTANCE OR INDICATE IF PAID BY BANK TRANSFER.

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Name: Telephone Number: Mobile Number:

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Total Fee’s payable this term - ***payable before Monday July 24th if you wish to take the early payment discount.***

Payment method (Cheque / cash / bank transfer) delete as appropriate

Signed Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_