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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM DATES –MONDAY 1st NOVEMBER –SAT 18th DECEMBER 2010

It has been such an exciting and busy start to the new term. Firstly, we would like to say a really big warm welcome to all the new students that have either started classes at Bowmansgreen or St John's. We have so many new names to learn and we hope you are having lots of fun as we get to know you all!

IDTA EXAM SESSION ON SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2010

Best of luck to the students that are taking their IDTA Preparatory and Primary Ballet grade exams and the students who are taking the Introductory Stage of the IDTA Musical Theatre exam.

All of the students involved have risen to the challenge and are working extremely hard in their classes. We will be very proud to invite an IDTA examiner into our school and know you will all be a credit to us. If your child is doing the exam, there should be an additional letter with this newsletter detailing the times of the exam classes and times of the exam itself. Any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

WEST END GUEST TEACHER

We have invited West End leading lady - Jane Fowler, to guest teach a couple of classes. Jane is a talented performer and has played the leading roles in many West End shows including the role of Roxie in 'Chicago'. Recently, Jane has worked with Steven on '42nd Street' and came to watch one of the Jazz and Musical Theatre Dance classes. Jane remarked on the enthusiasm, passion and talent our students have and the incredible buzz of excitement during class. As soon as we know which classes Jane will be guest teaching we will announce it. Watch this space....

SHOW WEEK AT THE SANDPIT THEATRE!

We hope you have all put the show week dates in your diary. If not here they are again:

Monday 31st May – Thursday 3rd June 2011 - Rehearsals

Friday 4th June, Saturday 5th June, Sunday 6th June 2011 – Performances

Please note this is the half term week and the children will be off school. As we start to choreograph and plan the show we need to know for definite if you are going away and therefore your child won't be doing the show.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for your children as each class will experience the thrill of performing in a show in a professional environment.

There is a separate letter and form enclosed with this newsletter concerning the show and the extra costs involved so that you can budget and plan towards it. Also a request for HELP!

PERFORMANCE CLASS STUDENTS

Our performance class students have again been busy rehearsing for various events that they will be performing at. The events are:

Saturday 20th November – Colney Heath School Art & Crafts Fair

Saturday 27th November – Bowmansgreen School Xmas Fair

Saturday 4th December – St Bernadettes School Xmas Fair

We are also hoping that they will be making an appearance at St John's Xmas fair.

They will be performing a special Christmas themed piece and we hope you will all support them at one of the events.

The performance class is a committed class open to everyone aged 8 upwards. The only requirement is that they are already attending at least one other dance class. The students get to learn a choreographed repertoire that they then go on to perform at various events. There are limited places and you are only able to apply at the beginning of each full term.

UNIFORM

A reminder to all students that we do have a uniform at Excel Performing Arts and always have plenty of stock with us. So that we don't have varying shades and designs, we ask you to purchase the leotard and skirt from us. If we don't have the size you need, we can order it for the following week.

Our uniform requirements are:

Ballet	(Girls) pale pink leotard, pale pink skirt, ballet tights or socks, pink leather ballet shoes, optional pink wrap cardigan. (Boys) white t-shirt, black shorts, white socks, black leather ballet shoes
Jazz & Musical Theatre Dance	(Girls) burgundy leotard, black lycra tights, black split sole jazz shoes, optional burgundy skirt, optional 'Excel' t-shirt (Boys) 'Excel' t-shirt, black shorts/jogging bottoms, black split sole jazz shoes
Drama & Singing	'Excel' t-shirt or vest, optional 'Excel' zipped hoodie, black jogging bottoms, optional black jazz shoes
Street Dance*	(Girls) burgundy leotard, black lycra tights, black split sole jazz shoes or street dance trainers, optional 'Excel' t-shirt or vest. (Boys) 'Excel' t-shirt, black shorts/jogging bottoms, black split sole jazz shoes or street dance trainers.
Street /Jazz Dance*	(Girls) burgundy leotard, black lycra tights, black split sole jazz shoes, optional burgundy skirt, optional 'Excel' t-shirt (Boys) 'Excel' t-shirt, black shorts/jogging bottoms, black split sole jazz shoes
Junior Tap	(Girls) burgundy leotard, black lycra tights, black tap shoes, optional burgundy skirt (Boys) 'Excel' t-shirt, black shorts/jogging bottoms, black tap shoes

*Originally we had said just the black 'excel' t-shirt for Street and Street/Jazz. However we have decided to bring the classes in line with the rest of the school and the uniform is now the same as the Jazz & Musical Theatre dance classes. We appreciate you may not have budgeted for this but as long as you are all aware that in time we would like the students to be wearing the proper uniform.

Please ask for a price list for uniform or alternatively download one from our website

www.excelperformingarts.co.uk

A reminder that we also sell t-shirts and zipped hoodies with the 'Excel' logo and icon on them. Although they aren't an essential part of the uniform for some classes, they are really useful to arrive to class in and to wear during warm up.

NEW 'EXCEL' DIAMANTE CLOTHING

CLC Designs have designed some fantastic t-shirts and vest tops with the 'Excel' logo in diamante stones on them. Nicola Kalazois, who was one of the designers for Pineapple clothing, has designed them and we think they look really stylish. We have some samples and suggest they would make excellent Christmas presents. An order form is attached and the closing order date in time for Christmas is **Saturday 27th November**.

HAIR

If your child has long hair it needs to be neatly tied back for class. This really does help them to dance and perform better and is a uniform requirement.

DRINKS

Please provide your child with a small bottle of water as they get thirsty in the middle of class. Please no juice as if it gets spilt it leaves a sticky mess and no food at all to be brought in. We have a lot of children with food allergies.

FINALLY.....

Have a lovely half term break and we will look forward to seeing you all again in another fun packed term starting on Monday 1st November!!

Kind regards,

Sam Payton

Principal – Excel Performing Arts