

# WINTER TERM NEWSLETTER

We hope you have had a lovely half term break and if you were competing in competitions that you have all performed to your best and achieved everything you wanted to. Other successes this term so far have been in our Choreography Competition: Anna, Nora and Efa for their Trio and Alys for her Improvisation, Boaz – runner up.

And have just had results in from day one of the half term competition! Our Music Theatre team won their section and also had highest mark overall as well so ended up with two trophies!



Also the winner of the Long Ashton Branch Willingham Award this year – Ruby Johnson.



Tickets are on sale for our charity fundraiser Tea Time Show on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 4 p.m. where we hope to raise the money to replace the floor in Studio 2 at Dance Station. Do come along and support if you can. And the following week (23<sup>rd</sup> November) is TAPATHON 2025 at 1 p.m. Those taking part should be at studio for the hour 12.30 – 1.30 p.m. to allow time for warm up, performance and then group photo and handing out of certificates.



There may be 80 – 100 dancers taking part in Tapathon so also use the car park at bottom of the road through gap in wall on right.

Bring your own hat if you have one, I have some you can borrow but not enough to go round.

**FISHPONDS CAR PARKING** – Can we kindly ask that people avoid parking in teachers spaces, particularly early on a Saturday morning. When the teachers can't park, it means classes then end up running late which is not ideal! Thank you!

**EXAMS & COACHING SESSIONS** – There are lots of exam sessions coming up and many of you will have received exam letters. Please respond to these by the required date, even if you are NOT taking the exam, so that we do not have to keep chasing people for answers. Please also remember that the coaching sessions are very important so that the dancers are prepared for how the exam will run, how they enter and exit the room and where they are required to stand for the various exercises. It is also important to work with the people they will be going into the exam with and know their spacing in relation to that particular group, rather than a whole class.

**MUSIC THEATRE CHRISTMAS SHOW** – Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 5.30 – 7 p.m. Juniors Dress Rehearsal, 6.15 -10 p.m. Seniors Dress Rehearsal. Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 1.00 p.m. SHOW 1, 4.30 p.m. SHOW 2. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

**NEW CLASSES WITH SPACES** – We have spaces in our new lower grades modern classes on Saturday mornings at Fishponds and also in our Music Theatre Dance at Emersons Green at 4 p.m. on Fridays. Beginners Adult Tap Classes both at Long Ashton and Fishponds both have spaces too. Also there is a new Beginners Ballroom Class at Fishponds at 1.30 – 2.30 p.m. on Thursdays and Line Dancing on Wednesdays at 11 – 12 p.m. for any mums and dads interested.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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| Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct inc.     | Half term break  |
| Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov                                  | Start back   |
| Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov                                 | Fundraiser Teatime Show 4 p.m. start                                     |
| Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov                                 | Start of 2 <sup>nd</sup> 10 week billing term                            |
| Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov                                 | Tapathon Charity Event (at Dance Station 12.30-1.30 p.m.)                |
| Sat/Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> Nov           | Music Theatre Christmas Show   |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                 | Last day of classes  |
| Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec–Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan         | Christmas Holidays   |
| Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2026                             | Start back   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> Jan | January Show (Adults, Vocational, G6 students FP)                        |
| Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb inc.     | Half term break  |
| Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb                                 | Start back   |
| Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb                                 | Start of 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10 week billing term (9wks Mon classes-May day) |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> March                   | WW & BS SHOW   |
| Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar–Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr        | Easter break   |
| Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr                                 | Start back   |
| Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May                                  | No classes – May Day Bank Holiday  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> May | LA SHOW  |
| Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> –Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> May inc.      | Half term break  |
| Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun                                  | Start back   |
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jun                                  | Start of 4 <sup>th</sup> 6 week billing term                             |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> Jun                   | EG SHOW  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> Jun                   | M/T Junior Show  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Jul                     | M/T Senior Show  |
| Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul                                 | Finish for Summer break  |
| Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> September                            | Start back after Summer break (except LA?? tbc)                          |

**ROLL ON CHRISTMAS – Hope you have a good one!**