



STAGE PLUS

NEWSLETTER 02

Hi Everyone! I hope you all had a Fantastic Summer and are ready for the new term. I'd like to Welcome all the new Students to Stage Plus, I hope you enjoy your time with us and also say Goodbye to a few people who have left us and wish them the best for the future. I have been preparing for September with much excitement for my first full term as Principal. I am looking forward to everything planned for the new year and working with everyone involved in Stage Plus.

REMINDER OF TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM - Mon 10th Sept - Sat 20th Oct
Mon 29th Oct - Sat 8th Dec
SUMMER TERM - Mon 21st April - Sat 24th May
Mon 2nd June - Sat 12th July

SPRING TERM - Mon 14th Jan - Sat 16th Feb
Mon 25th Feb - Sat 5th April
Easter - Fri 21st Mar - Mon 24th Mar

IMPORTANT-REGISTRATION FORMS

If you have not yet completed your new Registration Form please do so ASAP and get these back to us. It is crucial that we have all this information in case of emergency. If you have lost it please download one off of the website. If you do not provide us with your child's details especially any medical conditions we cannot be held responsible for any problems.

UNIFORM REMINDER

For those of you who are not aware you can order any uniform needed for class through the Stage Plus office. We can also order any costumes for festivals or shows. Orders are placed with our supplier on the 28th of each month.

I would also like to stress the need to wear correct uniform to **all** classes. All students should wear their 'blacks' to class. Recently students have been wearing own clothes, lots of layers or different coloured dancewear. I would really appreciate it if parents could keep an eye on this situation. Also Saturday Morning and Thursday Night Drama should be wearing 'blacks' **not** their own clothing.

Another reminder about uniform is to ensure that all hair is tied back, off of your face and that no jewelry is worn. The reason for the uniform is not only discipline, but also so that teachers can see the correct alignment of the students body and for Health and Safety reasons. Please ensure that these rules are adhered to. If a student continually turns up to class incorrectly dressed it is under the discretion of the teacher whether or not the student is turned away from the class. If uniform is not worn consecutively for 3 weeks the teacher may ask you to leave and come back dressed correctly.

SINGING LESSONS

Singing lessons are available with Kate Christie in the studio. New lessons can be booked via the office.

SHOWBIZ 2007

I would like to say a big well done to everyone involved in Showbiz 2007. You all worked so hard and put on a fantastic show at the end of the 2 weeks workshop. Videos and photos will be available through Stage Plus in the near future.

ADULT CLASSES

I have been teaching adult dance classes throughout the summer holidays and hope to see more people joining during term time. If you or anybody you know are interested in adult modern/jazz, ballet or tap classes please give me a call.

LAST WEEK OF TERM

During the last week of term which is 3.12.07-8.12.07 we would like to invite parents to sit in on any of your child's classes. This gives you the opportunity to see what the students have been learning and how they are progressing. I understand how important it is to be kept informed of their progress.

CLASS PAYMENTS

A Polite Reminder – Payment of fees is required in advance and prompt payment is very much appreciated. Half a terms notice is required to stop any class.

There are still some fees owed from the summer term and from Showbiz and these will be chased up this week. If you know you have not paid these fees please save us the time and effort and forward these onto us ASAP.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please Note that we now have an office email address again so although you can contact me on my personal email address the new contact is stageplusoffice@btconnect.com

Also the website is up and running. www.stageplus.co.uk Please take the time to have a look at it. I would love to hear any feedback.

At the studio there is now a correspondence box and notice board as you walk through the front door. If you need to leave any forms, fees or letters of any sort for myself or any member of staff please put them into this box rather than in the office. Thank You.

LOST PROPERTY

At the office I have a huge amount of lost property that I have discovered while clearing through the studio and bags from Kaleidoscope and Showbiz 07. If you would like to see whether anything here is yours please don't hesitate to pop in and have a look. ***If the items have not been claimed by October Half Term I shall be passing them on to a charity shop.***

SHOW COSTUMES

We have received a lot of costumes back but I know ***there are a lot still missing***. Please go through all you bags and return all costumes as soon as possible as we are waiting to finish our costume checklist. We have spent a great deal of money on costumes and cannot afford to loose them please return them promptly, thank you.

TEACHERS

As you well know unfortunately Miss Ninette left last term as our ballet teacher. This term we have Vicky Brown joining us. She did cover some of Ninettes classes at the end of last term and is looking forward to coming on board. Miss Ninette will be returning on occasions to cover classes when required.

VOLUNTEERS

We are constantly giving students the opportunity to perform and express themselves and I aim to continue this in the future. However with this opportunity also comes the need for *chaperones and helpers of all kinds*. If there is anyone interested, be it a family member or friend, willing to give up some of their time to help in these situations please let me know, I would be extremely grateful. We have some chaperone license application forms and are currently looking for 3 more volunteers to apply for a license. There is a need to be CRB checked but will not incur any costs. Again please let me know if you wish to apply.

FUTURE SHOWS

We are hoping this year to do 2 shows. Firstly around February time a Drama Show which will be performed by the *Thursday evening and Saturday Morning Theatre skills classes*. The show will focus on Drama and singing and preparation for it will begin after October half term. If you are interested in being involved, but don't currently attend these classes why not take the opportunity of joining the class now. *Secondly a big Performing Arts Show* later in the year. I will keep you informed on any dates and information.

The Risborough Youth Theatre production will take place in the May half term. Rehearsals will be on a Sunday afternoon a news bulletin will be released soon giving details.

NEW IDEAS

I have a couple of new ideas which I would like to air to the public with the aim of getting some feedback.

Saturday Morning Dance Classes, for young children. I know there are a lot of working families out there who can't get their children to dance classes during the week I was thinking of offering classes for dance on a Saturday Morning and was wondering if there was any interest for this.

Also I am going to start *dance and drama parties for children's birthdays or other occasions* in the near future. These can be based on ballet, tap, modern or drama for various age groups. If anyone is interested in this please contact me.

OFFICE HOURS

The Stage Plus office will now be manned on a daily basis from 12pm – 3.00pm, by myself and Ellen David will be in on Mondays & Wednesdays.

I welcome new ideas for classes any suggestions please do contact me.

Stage Plus relies heavily on Word of Mouth so if you enjoy your time with us please do tell your friends.

Miss Gemma