



STAGE PLUS

NEWSLETTER 03

Merry Christmas Everyone!!! I know it may seem a bit early for some of you to be saying that but this is the last chance I'll get! I'd like to say a huge Thank You to you all for the support you have given me during my first full term as Principal. It has been hard work but I've thoroughly enjoyed it and look forward to the future even more so now!

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

I'm still missing a lot of NEW Registration Forms So please If you have not yet completed your new 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.

By now you all know the correct uniform required for the classes and the need to have hair tied up and jewelry removed. 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 correct uniform is not worn consecutively for 3 weeks the teacher may ask you to leave and come back dressed correctly.

Stage Plus Hoodies are now available and t-shirts are on there way. A letter with prices and an order form will be handed out before Christmas. I only have a limited amount at the moment, so it will be done on a first come first served basis. I will however order more if necessary but cannot promise they will be here by Christmas.

SINGING LESSONS

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

SHOWBIZ 2007

Those of you who have not ordered your DVD or Photo CD of Showbiz 07 please do so as they are a great memory of the night!!

I apologise for any of you that have had problems with your DVD and I am more than willing to replace it if I haven't done so already.

ADULT CLASSES

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.

CONTACT DETAILS

Email: stageplusoffice@btconnect.com

Website: www.stageplus.co.uk

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

There is always a bag of lost property at the office. If you do not have your name in an item and the teacher does not know who's it is, this is where it will be. All lost items that were there before October Half Term have now been taken to a charity shop as promised!

SHOW COSTUMES

We have received a lot of costumes back but I know *there are a lot still missing*. Please go through all your 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.

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 has begun. If you are interested in being involved, but don't currently attend these classes why not take the opportunity of joining the class now. We are in the process of sorting a venue. *Secondly a big Performing Arts Show* later in the year. I will keep you informed on any dates and information.

RISBOROUGH YOUTH THEATRE

The Youth Theatre has been approached to put on a production in St Mary's Church during the Spring, date TBC. We feel this is a great opportunity to raise the profile of the Youth Theatre in Risborough and would be a great challenge. Auditions will be notified and rehearsals will begin on Sundays after Christmas/New Year. Therefore the May half term show will be a Musical Theatre Workshop Production at the Limelight Theatre. Further information on any of this is available from Ellen 01844 274617.

NEW IDEAS

Saturday Morning Dance Classes, for young children.

From after Christmas we will be starting classes on a Saturday Morning at the Studio. I will be taking a tiny tots tap and modern class and also a Grade 1 ballet class during this time. Street Dance lessons for Over 12's will also be starting, with a Beginners and Advanced class being offered. If there are any other classes that you believe would be a success please let me know ASAP.

Also I am starting *dance and drama parties for children's birthdays or other occasions*. These can be based on ballet, tap, modern or drama for various age groups, or if there is a particular theme you would like to work with I can do that also. If anyone is interested in this please contact me.

Melody Bear classes have started this term and I'd like to let you all know a little bit more about it. It is a structured syllabus developed in order to help children with co-ordination, spatial awareness, creativity and self expression. It also introduces children to a number of other important learning skills such as counting, colour, vocabulary and shape recognition. It is great for those students in the tiny tots ballet class or even younger students and the kids love Melody Bear herself.

FESTIVALS, SHOWS, PANTO

PANTO : I would like to wish Zoe Ashton, Eleanor Buxton, Eloise Markham, Emily Nix, Georgie Oates and Alfie Smith the very best of luck in Aylesbury Panto this Year. Congratulations for getting your parts and I look forward to coming and watching you all. Please go along and support these students at Aylesbury Civic Centre performing Peter Pan.

FESTIVALS : We have recently handed in our participants for Chesham Festival in February. If you need a new dance or wish to work on current ones please contact me to start booking time as closer to the time I get very booked up.

If there are any students who are interested in participating in a Song and Dance Troupe that we have entered please let me know. We would love this to be a regular thing so I will need you to be available for rehearsals and for future festivals. We would need the commitment. The more the merrier!!

Also if there are any students who wish to begin participating in Festivals we would always love to involve new dancers.

WED 9TH JANUARY 08 : We have been invited as Risborough Youth Theatre and Stage Plus to perform at Adams Park for a luncheon do on this day. Ellen and I are currently deciding on the numbers we would like to include but they will involve numbers from Showbiz, Bugsy Malone and also some old-time favourites. Ellen will be putting a letter out about this shortly.

XMAS DISCO

I look forward to seeing you all at the Disco on Friday 7th December. I've been informed that I didn't put the venue of the Disco on the letter. It is at St Mary's Church Hall. If you have not got your tickets already please contact us ASAP.

5.30-7 -10's and Under

7.30-9.30 - Over 10's

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

Miss Gemma

