

Deborah Manning School of Dance

Est. 20 yrs

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Dear Parents

Firstly, I would like to wish everyone Happy New Year! I hope you all have had a lovely Christmas and New Year. I would like to thank both parents and pupils for the wonderful presents I received at the end of last term, this was very kind, thank you.

EXAMS

We had another very successful examination session in December. All sixty pupils passed either their Ballet or Tap Exam. Well done!!

I would like to thank all parents for making sure pupils attended the four extra coaching lessons in preparation for the exam. All the extra work was well worth it.

I am looking at changing the months when the exams are held. As you are aware, we normally hold exams in June and December every year. I have felt that over the past year or so, the weeks leading up to the examination session are particularly busy. At Christmas there are so many parties and concerts which the pupils also have to attend. It is also difficult due to the half-terms etc trying to fit in enough Coaching Lessons prior to any exam.

I am hoping to organise the next Exam session before Easter this year, instead of during the Summer Term. As soon as the next date is set, I will let you know.

CERTIFICATES

For those pupils who took an exam on Sunday 4th December: The Certificates will be given out at the end of your child's class the week beginning **Monday 16th January**. Please come into class five minutes before the end of the lesson. You are welcome to come in and take a picture of your child being given their Certificate. I look forward to seeing you all then.

The next group of pupils who will be working towards an exam are as follows:

Monday at Batts School – Level One Ballet

Wednesday at North Leigh – Primary One Ballet (4.00pm class)

Wednesday at North Leigh – Primary Two Ballet (4.30pm class)

Friday at Carterton – Primary One Ballet (4.00pm class) Primary Two Ballet (4.30pm class)

Saturday at Northleigh –Grade 3 Tap (12.00-12.30pm class), Grade 3 Ballet (11.00-12 noon class), Grade 4 Tap (1.00-1.30pm) & Grade 5 Ballet (3.30pm class).

SCHOOL WEBSITE

For those parents and pupils new to the school, we have a School Website with lots of information.

The web address: www.deborahmanningschoolofdance.co.uk I would like to encourage parents to use this, as you can download order forms for Uniform, Price Lists, Dates of Classes, Exam information etc.

Please check the website regularly for updated information.

UNIFORM

Could I ask that all pupils' uniform is checked, ready for the new Term ahead and any old faded leotards, skirts and socks are replaced with new please. Hair should be in a neat bun and any loose hair should be fastened securely off the face. Miss Denise Newport is always available to help with ordering dance uniform. Denise is available on a Wednesday and Friday during lesson times. For Monday and Saturdays lessons, order forms and price lists will be left in the changing room. Alternatively, you may wish to download an order Form and Price List off the school website and then email or hand in at class.

COMMUNICATION

I would like to ask that parents refrain from trying to catch me for a quick chat during lesson times, as this means pupils miss some of their valuable lesson time. You can always leave a message with Denise and she will pass this onto me after I finish teaching.

What I would like to set up is a specific time, when you can either email or phone me directly to discuss any queries etc you may have. As from **Monday 9th January I will be available to speak to you directly every Monday morning between 9.30-11.00am by email or phone and also every Tuesday evening between 8.00-9.00pm.** I do hope this will be more convenient for everyone.

STREET DANCE WORKSHOP

I am hoping to organise a Street Dance Workshop this Term. A teacher from the prestigious 'Tring School of Performing Arts' is going to come and work with the pupils. This will be a wonderful experience. Some of the pupils attended a Summer Workshop at Tring last year and thoroughly enjoyed it. This workshop will be open firstly to pupils in the school and then if there are places left it will be open to any friends etc. I will be giving out more information about this exciting venture soon.

I look forward to seeing you all over the next couple of weeks.

Best wishes

Deborah Manning
Principal

