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Encore Theatre Arts Newsletter summer 2021

Dear Parents,

We are so excited to be able to teach in the studio again very soon, its been such a long year in and out of classes but fingers crossed we will not be disrupted again. I hope you and your family's are all well and staying safe in these difficult times. Its been very tough for all small businesses over the last year and we are no different, we have lost quite a few pupils recently for many different reasons connected to covid so I'm very grateful for everyone of you that have stayed and supported us over this time. I would also however ask if you could perhaps promote our school in the local area by talking to other people about us or maybe you could put a leaflet up somewhere or in your car.

We are looking forward to the upcoming summer term and getting back into dancing here at Encore. It has been very difficult trying to plan the year ahead with the uncertainty at the moment as a lot of things I am unable to book at this time but I hope things will begin to open up in the next few months and I will be able to give you a better idea of dates for you diary's Please read all the information below carefully and make note of the provisional dates.

Covid 19 Precautions

Please see the attached leaflet for our full covid precautions, we hope this gives you and your child peace of mind when returning to dance. You must read this carefully before returning to class and please discuss this with your child so they are fully aware of all rules.

Timetable

There have been some changes to the timetable this term. Some children on a Saturday have moved up to the next class, I have tried to let you all know individually but if you haven't heard from me and are unsure which class your child should be in please contact me as soon as possible.

Congratulations !

Congratulations to one of our senior pupils Summer Hudson who has just been offered a place to study musical theatre at The BRIT school (previous students include Adele, Jessie J & Leona Lewis) We are all very proud of you Summer.

Black Cherry Fair – 10th July 2021

Selected pupils will be performing at the Black Cherry Fair this year and we also hope to do a float this year but I need to do some organizing for this. All pupils involved will be notified soon.

ACRODANCE



I would like to draw your attention to our Acrodance classes on a Friday at Stepgates School, our Pre School Acrodance class for 3 - 6 year olds 4.30-5.15pm and our Acrodance and Aerial class for 6 years plus is 5.15-6.15pm. These are such great classes syllabus from Acrobatic arts and they are good for increasing flexibility and strength to help with the other dance genres. We offer free trial classes so anyone is welcome to come along to give it a try.

We will also still be offering an Adult Tap class on a Wednesday 7.30pm-8.15pm, this proved to be very popular at first but unfortunately interest has dropped off, this class is great for keeping fit and learning a new skill so come on mummy's come along for a free trial !!!

Please contact me to register your interest in any of these classes.

Summer School

We normally offer a week long summer school in August but have not been able to for the last 2 years, due to lack of interest and to covid. Im looking at offering something a little different to normal which would mean we could offer it to our younger pupils as well (from 3 years). If this is something you might be interested in then please drop me an email or message to register your interest and I will see if we have enough numbers to run it.

Choreography Competition November 2021 (Provisional)

Our Choreography competition will provisionally be in November 2021. As soon as I can book the hall (New haw community centre) I will confirm an exact date. This is open to everyone in the school and consists of an improvisation section and a choreography section. It is a great way for pupils to express themselves and show us some of their creativity. Separate letters will go out about this with more information by the end of term.

ISTD & IDTA Exams

I would have liked to have booked some IDTA Performance exams and ISTD Graded exams for this year but as of yet the ISTD & IDTA are not taking any bookings for exams at this time. As soon as things get up and running I would like to book some sessions for the Autumn term for IDTA & the Spring term 2022 for ISTD.

School Show

One of the main things we missed out on last year was our bi-annual school show which all teachers & pupils were very disappointed about. I hope to rebook this for March/April 2022 but at the moment the theatre is unavailable to book, so I will do as soon as it becomes available.

Band App

I set up Encore theatre arts on the Band App last year, which is an app that helps groups communicate more easily. It will enable me contact you easily as a group about various things to do with the school for instance, cancelled classes, upcoming events, dates or any news that we may have. We can also share videos of dances should anyone need to practice at home. In the next coming weeks you should receive an email inviting you to join the group, please download the app and accept the invitation. As I will be stopping communication by email and purely using the band app to upload the timetable and Newsletters etc. so if you haven't already got it which I know many of you have it really is important to get it as soon as possible.

Term Fees

Due to the corona virus I will only be accepting payment by bank transfer this term. All invoices will be emailed out after the first week of term and they will need to be paid by 2nd May 2021. From this term onwards I will be reinstating a terms notice to leave or drop a class so please make sure you let me as soon as possible.

Attendance & Dress

Uniform is very important to us here at Encore as it encourages discipline, and its important to the look of the school. Please could we start as we mean to go on this term and send your child to class with the correct uniform and hair.

Term dates:

Summer Term (12 week term)

Mon 19th April 2021 – Sun 18th July 2021
(Half Term 31st May – 4th June 2021)

Autumn Term (13 week term)

Mon 6th September 2021 – Sun 12th December 2021
(Half Term 25th October 2021 – 29th October 2021)

We look forward to seeing you all next week.

Kind Regards,

Miss Phillippa