

Frogmore Dance School Newsletter

February 2014

Hello everyone,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and new year and have managed to find your feet again with the new term and are back into the swing of things. Firstly we would like to say a big congratulations to all of our students who took their IDTA exams at the end of last term, we are pleased to announce A 100% pass rate, with all students receiving commended or above. Thank you all for working so hard, you should all be very proud of yourselves.

As usual, we have had an action packed half term that has flown by and we have another one up ahead! While most of you will be enjoying a nice half term break from both school and dancing, some of our students will be taking to the stage in Godalming, to compete in a regional festival competition for a chance to qualify for the national competitions. This is the first time for some time that Frogmore has entered an all England qualifier so please wish all of our students the best of luck.

As I am sure you will have seen from the letters, notices and Facebook posts, we are taking our students to the West End to see Matilda on Frogmore's annual Theatre trip! After the success of the Musical Theatre trip to see Wicked last year, we have decided to now open this to the whole school and make this an annual event with a different show each year. Please be aware that when the school runs these trips we can only go on select days to achieve the group discount which results in us receiving up to half price tickets. The price of the trips is also dependant on how many tickets we sell as this directly effects the cost of the coach per head with the school not making any money from these events.

We currently have a number of students who are preparing for their ISTD exams. Details for effected students will be coming out shortly. We are also beginning to approach the fair/fate season and once again we are planning on attending many of these in the area and hoping to provide demonstrations in the arenas where possible. Once again we will be asking some of our students to take part in these demonstrations and invitations to be apart of this will go out shortly.

Finally, can we please remind everyone about the importance of wearing the correct uniform for their class. Hair should be neatly tied back appropriately for the genre which students are participating, and all Jewellery including earrings should not be worn. If you are unsure of what your child should be wearing to class, there is a list on the notice board as well as in the Frogmore folder on reception. Please ask Verity if you are still unsure. During the cold whether the hall is always considerably warmer than the waiting area, please bare this in mind when you send your child into class. I am happy for students to wear uniform wrap around cardigans into class which can then be removed once they are warmed up. Attending classes with several additional layers is not necessary. As I am sure you can understand some younger children then do not want to take these off even when warmed up and then are not allowing their body to breathe and could suffer from overheating. I can also then not correct their technique as I cannot see what their body is doing. This could result in bad habits with their technique setting in, or cause unwanted injury. Leotards are worn as they are made from breathable material that allow the body to sweat while being close fitting to ensure that correct technique in dance is being used to prevent injury.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break (17th-21st February) I shall look forward to seeing you all back a dancing the week commencing the 23rd.

Term Dates:

Term 3 2015 - 6th January - 14th February (6 Weeks)

Spring Half Term 2015 - 17th February - 21st February

Term 4 2015 - 24th February - 28th March (5 Weeks)

Easter Holiday 2015 - 31st March - 18th April

Term 5 2015 - 21st April - 23rd May (5 Weeks)

Summer Half Term 2015 - 26th May - 30th May

Term 6 2015 - 2nd June - 18th of July (7 Weeks)

Summer Holiday 2015 - 20th July - 5th September

Term 1 2015 - 8th September - 24th October (7 Weeks)

Winter Half Term 2015 - 26th October - 31st October

Term 2 2015 - 3rd November - 5th December (5 Weeks)

Christmas Holiday 2015 - 6th December - 4th January

Term 3 2016 - 5th January - 13th February (6 Weeks)

Spring Half Term 2016 - 16th February - 20th February

Term 4 2016 - 23rd February - 19th March (4 Weeks)

Easter Holiday 2016 - 22nd March - 11th April

Term 5 2016 - 12th April - 28th May (7 Weeks)

Summer Term Half Term 2016 - May 31st - 4th June

Term 6 2016 - 7th June - 9th July (5 Weeks)

There will be no classes on the 7th of May 2015 due to voting
ISTD Exam Session - 24th May 2015 TBC



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