

Autumn Term Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Another year at VJSD has come and gone and what a year it has been! This next year is set to be bigger and better and I cannot wait for you to see what we have instore for the children.

There is a lot of information in this Newsletter, please take the time to read through it as there are some important details to note down.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Autumn Term

6th August - Movie Night (this is for our older students; emails have been sent)

7th-11th August - VJSD Summer School (please email for more details, it isn't too late to join)

9th September – Term starts (all dates and payment weeks are on a separate attachment)

19th or 26th November - Tap Exams (pupils will be emailed if they are ready for an exam)

10th December – Christmas Choreography Celebration (more details to be emailed in Sept)

Spring Term

17th/24th March – Ballet Exams (pupils will be emailed if they are ready for an exam)

Summer Term

29th June – Show Rehearsal

30th June – SHOW DAY (two performances)

MOVIE NIGHT/DVDS & 2024 PERFORMANCE

Thank you again for all your kind words after Movie Night, I was truly touched by your messages, comments and gifts. Movie Night was a huge success and I am so glad that you all enjoyed watching the children's hard work come to life on a big stage. Our next show is **Sunday 30th June** at the Mansfield Palace Theatre. There will be two performances next year. More details will be available in 2024.

DVDs will be available to collect at the following times. If you are away your DVD will be at your first class back in September.

I will be at Awsworth Village Hall – Wednesday 9th – 11th August 9am-3pm if you wish to collect your DVD on one of these dates. The doors will be locked so please ring me on 07969547054 if you cannot enter the building.

WELCOMING KATIE

Katie will be joining the team from September; she will be taking the Monday classes at Awsworth. Katie and I danced together as children and I cannot wait to have her on the team. Katie has her DBS; is first aid trained and has lots of dance training. We look forward to welcoming her and cannot wait to see her in action.

NEW CLASSES

There are several new classes being added to the weekly timetable. Please check the timetable for new classes and changes and see them listed below with details. Changes will be sent out via email as a reminder (with names) closer to our return. FRIDAY AWSWORTH has altered to fit in tap classes.

Monday

PRE-SCHOOL BALLET –	Any new baby ballet students welcome
GRADE 1 TAP –	Any pupil from Friday grade 2 ballet/pre-senior street
BODY CON & LIMBERING -	This class focuses on flexibility, strength, core stability and overall dance poise. This class has a dedicated time allowance to go into a deeper depth and understanding, something that cannot be done at the beginning of Jazz or Street. Any pupil 7+ from UNDERWOOD OR AWSWORTH are welcome, no need to book please come on the first/second week to trial it.
LYRICAL -	Any pupil from Friday grade 2 ballet/pre-senior street or SATURDAY grade 2 ballet/pre-senior street

Friday

TAP	Aimed for both ballet classes (Pre-Primary & Primary). As this is a new style to all children we will be working on the basics of tap, therefore all ages are welcome. Classes will be split once the children have learnt moves, become confident and we have established enough children for separate classes.
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Saturday

PRE-SCHOOL TAP	For any little one wishing to give tap a go before the morning ballet class.
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Tap shoes are not needed until the children are happy and confident to continue.

PLEASE ASK VANESSA IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF WHICH CLASS THEY CAN JOIN/TRY.

CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITION

We will be hosting our first in-house choreography competition for the children to take part in. The event will be held on Sunday 10th December, at Awsworth Village Hall. This is a little bit of fun for the children whilst getting to see the children's own choreography. We will be having an outside judge come in to adjudicate and each child will receive a medal for their dance. All information will be sent out at the start of the term, this way children can get preparing their pieces.

EXAMINATIONS

There are many reasons why a child might not be picked for an examination, most of the time this is due to age or how ready they are for the examination and the process. The ISTD hold a very high standard and a child must meet this before they are examined. There is no rush to take examinations and I will never hold a child back; I have been entering children for over 12 years, please trust my judgement.

UNIFORM & HAIR

Good grooming in dance is essential, this is from a health and safety prospective and from a presentation aspect. In dance examinations children get marked on their presentation, therefore it is good practise for the girls and boys to do the same in lessons. If children are at the age to dress themselves and do their own hair, please encourage them to come appropriate for dance, hair up and off faces **BALLET BUNS FOR GRADE 2 IS A MUST**, jewellery to be left at home, uniform where required. I understand that this is not always easy and parents live busy lives. I am more than happy to help with hair before sessions.

Uniform lists for each class and updated prices can be found on a separate document. Our prices have had to increase slightly due to costs going up from the supplier. We apologise for the inconvenience. Please refer to the uniform list for the correct uniform for each class.

If you require any items of clothing for the start of term, please fill out our online form if wish to have it for the first week back (form in main email). Hoodies and T-Shirts can sometimes take longer to arrive.

BLACK LEOTARDS

Any pupil in Grade 2, that has outgrown their plum leotard, will now be invited to wear a black leotard. This will be accompanied by ballet tights and ballet shoes (no leggings or shorts). Skirts are no longer required at this exam level. Please order via the order link on the main email or when we return in September.

HOODIES

A new hoodie order will be processed at the start of term. Please fill out our online form for one of these (form in main email).

ADULT JAZZ at Underwood

This class has been a great success since it began in April. The class has mixed ability and is a great way to improve fitness, posture, strengthen the body and learn jazz technique. The classes are laid back and great fun. We are at Underwood Community Centre, Wednesday evenings 7:00-7:45, £5 per session.

FEE REMINDER

Just a gentle reminder about fees. Fees are due monthly at the start of the month, where possible. Our weeks per month can be found on our Term Dates page (attached to the email). Weekly payment can still be made to Amanda at reception.

FEES ARE ONLY MOVED OVER IF PRIOR NOTICE IS GIVEN. NO COMMUNICATION, NO MOVEMENT OF PAYMENT. Thank you!

KEEPING UP TO DATE

All news and updates are posted on VJSD's Facebook page, please make sure you have given us a like! Important information is sent out via email but small updates, reminders etc are posted online, these also feed on to our Website under NEWS.

As always, I would be grateful if you could share, like, comment on Facebook posts and mention us to anybody looking for a local dance school. If you could give us a review on Google this will also help us.

Word of mouth is the best advertisement for new students.

Please feel free to contact me at any time.

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