



KEYWORTH SCHOOL OF THEATRE DANCE

November 2019

Just one last communication of 2019. We hope you find it useful!

Saturday 7 December

Due to the church Christmas Fayre, dance lessons between 9:45am and 1:30pm will take place at the pavilion half way down the recreational field across the road from Webster Hall. Beginners Irish at 1:30pm and all subsequent lessons till 7:30pm will be at Webster Hall ie the usual venue.

Christmas themed non-uniform week

From Friday 13 December to 20 December pupils may wear what they like with a Christmas theme. On Friday 13 December we shall support 'Save the Children' by wearing our Christmas jumpers and bringing a donation. Money can be donated any time that week and we shall pass to Jane Piggott, a KSTD adult tapper who does a lot of fund raising for this charity.

We break up after lessons on Friday 20 December and start again on Monday 6 January. Please look at the end of the newsletter for dates for your diary and please note we are open as usual over February half term.

KSTD's Successes

We wish to congratulate all pupils who took examinations last month. The results were fantastic with all pupils receiving merits and distinctions between 83 and 90. A special mention to Mica who got 90% in the anatomy diploma (part of qualifying to become a teacher) and to Heidi M who got 90 marks distinction in Transitional Artistic Performer's Award in tap dancing.

We would also like to congratulate all of the Feargus performers who showed such commitment to the whole project and performed so well in Nottingham.

Abigail D, one of our acting and dance pupils, has been successful in auditioning for CBBC's Got What It Takes and will appear in the television series being aired from 7 January. To get her in the final she will need all our votes! Please watch and support. Abigail plays the part of the inventor in our Timeless production supported by Isla Navarro in an understudy capacity.

Our show programme will feature KSTD's successes such as those above. Please do let us know if you have been successful auditioning for TV/theatre productions and you haven't already told us. Let us know before Christmas please.

Fit and Flex

Our fitness and flexibility classes are a great way for pupils to improve flexibility and stamina ready for our big show in March. Pupils who have been coming regularly are really showing an improvement in flexibility, stamina and dance in general so this clearly shows that hard work, perseverance and determination are what you need to achieve these goals. The sessions take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. The last session in 2019 will be on Wednesday 4 December but we will be starting up again in 2020 on Tuesday 7 January so make sure you get your names down on the list on the board at Webster Hall. £2 pay as you go to the teacher.

Musical Theatre Workshops

MTW enjoyed having you all on the Aladdin workshop over October half term and you were a great group of children to work with. MTW have lots on offer next year with more holiday workshops based on Shrek, Frozen, Moana, Cats, Trolls and Addams family. Please see the website to book www.musicaltheatreworkshops.co.uk

Timeless production

14 March 7pm/15 March 2pm at Loughborough Town Hall

There will be a whole cast finale at the end of the show for which we would like all performers to wear the KSTD **purple** polo shirts or **purple** hoodies (will be hot in a hoodie though so polos preferred!) with black leggings and **black** footwear (jazz shoes, ballet shoes, trainers, pumps, plimsolls). We thought it is a good time to mention with Christmas approaching if your child does not have a KSTD **purple** polo shirt already.

This does **not** apply to the younger performers who have their own mini finale at the end of the first half. These children have been notified what they are to wear and have had a separate email.

Plea for help!

We are still looking for more DBS checked chaperones for Sunday 15 March. We can arrange for a DBS check to be done if you haven't got one already. Also, we need volunteers to join the sewing team on Tuesdays at 7:30pm at Ann's. There is a great deal to do and we need more helpers please. Only one of the sewing team has a child in the dance school currently. The cast is around 200 so there must be a handful who can help on Tuesdays? We are grateful to all the chaperones who have volunteered and we would not be able to put on the show without your help. Please look out for a separate email for chaperones which is on its way for information we require.

Costumes

Costumes are being distributed in many classes (some are still being purchased or are being made). Please look out for class emails about costs and when to collect. Please name and hang costumes up (some cannot be ironed so hang them up straight away) with accessories in an attached bag as soon as you receive them. Please keep them in a safe place and do not wear them at other events until after the show. They are irreplaceable in most cases.

Tickets

We hope you all have tickets as there are only a few left now for each performance. Just 26 for Saturday and 12 for Sunday at time of writing. These can be purchased via the theatre's website or by calling the box office www.loughboroughtownhall.co.uk

As we will not communicate again now till the New Year, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and to thank all our pupils, families, teachers and admin team for all your support this year.

Kirsty and Ann

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Dates for your diary

Friday 20 December – break up for Christmas after classes

Sunday 29 December – last date for Block 3 payment break requests

Monday 6 January – return to classes after Christmas

Saturday 11 January – Block 3 fees due (late payment charge of £5 if payment more than 2 weeks late)

15-22 February (half term) – all classes take place as normal

Sunday 16 February – last date for Block 4 payment break requests

Wednesday 19 February – half term workshop – Shrek

Saturday 29 February – Block 4 fees due (late payment charge of £5 if payment more than 2 weeks late)

Monday 2 March – dress rehearsal at Keyworth Primary School 4pm

Saturday/Sunday 14/15 March – ‘Timeless’ show at Loughborough Town Hall

Saturday 4 April – break up for Easter after classes

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday 6/7/8 April – Easter workshop – Frozen