

Haslemere Performing Arts

Newsletter – Autumn 2011

Christmas open morning

All children who attend our Saturday morning workshops will take part in a special Christmas watching session on the 3rd December at Haslewey. Please do come along and see the progress that your child has made during this term. The times are as follows:

Nursery, Primary and Grade 1

Please come at your child's normal class time and watch their classes.

Grade 2 to Seniors

Please arrive at 11.45 with your child for a demonstration from Grade 2 onwards. We will be finished by 1.00pm.

Families with children in weekday classes are particularly welcome to come and see what we do during the Saturday Workshops.

We will be doing a Christmas charity collection at the door, together with a raffle, so please support us. Money from the raffle will be donated to the HPA wardrobe fund.

Festivals

Festivals are an opportunity for children to enter dance competitions. If your child is interested in taking part then please contact Angela Cantan in the first instance. Places are limited but we have one or two available in different age ranges at present.

Interested in taking part in festivals?

Why not come along to our home round of British Arts on the 10th December at Fernhurst Village Hall from 11.30 to see what it is all about! You will have a chance to see a whole variety of Ballet, Modern and Tap dances. Come along and support us, you will be most welcome!

Examinations

Generally there are three opportunities for students to take examinations – the time will vary each year depending on other commitments of the school. Those wishing to take examinations need to attend one of the weekday classes which cover the formal syllabus that is required for examination entry. Please speak to Angela Cantan if you wish your child to take examinations, however entry into examinations is dependent upon the student being ready to take the exam. Extra lessons will be required prior to the exam to reach the required standard. Good luck to all our dancers who are preparing for their December examinations!

Saturday workshops

On behalf of all the teaching staff, we do ask parents not to enter the lessons but to wait for their child in the waiting areas. It is very distracting for both teachers and students and cuts down the amount of tuition that students will receive. Many thanks for your help in this matter.

Uniform

Could we respectively remind parents about the uniform requirements for dancers.

Girls at Angela Cantan's Weekday and Saturday Workshops:

Nursery to Grade 2 should be wearing a pink leotard, pink ballet socks or tights and pink ballet shoes (we recommend leather for durability). Grade 3 to Grade 5 should wear a navy leotard, ballet tights and pink ballet shoes. Seniors wear black leotards.

Boys at Angela Cantan's Weekday and Saturday workshops:

White, boy's leotard or t-shirt, navy shorts, white socks and white ballet shoes.

Jane Lubach's classes:

For both Modern and Tap classes:

Primary to Grade 3: purple cotton leotard and stirrup tights.

Grade 4 up to Seniors: black unitard from Wear Moi.

Boys – blue cotton t-shirt and black shorts or jazz trousers.

All available from Jane Lubach.

All dancers should have their hair tied back neatly for classes. We would appreciate your help with ensuring that this is adhered to.

Shop

Our shop sells new and second hand dancewear, together with our very own HPA sweatshirts and T-shirts! It takes place on the first Saturday of each month, next one 5th November at Haslewey. We can also sell your unwanted dancewear, so bring it along to Haslewey and Barbara, who kindly runs the shop for HPA will be happy to put it into the shop for you.

Dates for your diary

Half-term

Weekday classes: 24th – 28th October.
Saturday Workshop: 22nd & 29th October.

End of term

Weekday classes to be confirmed by teachers.
Saturday Workshop – 3rd December 2011

British Arts

Qualifying heat. 10th December 2011 @ Fernhurst Village Hall.

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Semi-finals - 17th/18th March 2012 @ Sutton (t.b.c.)

25th March 2012 @ Fareham

1st April 2012 @ Andover

Finals - 11-13th May 2012 @ Polish Theatre

26th May 2012 @ Bloomsbury

Chichester Festival

Saturday 11th – Tuesday 14th February 2012

Princess Theatre Aldershot

Our Summer Show - Sunday July 8th 2012

(More to follow on separate flyer)

Dress rehearsal Saturday 30th June 2012

Electronic Newsletter

This will be the last distributed paper copy of the HPA Newsletter, so please ensure that Angela Cantan or Jane Lubach have your current e-mail address. All future Newsletters will be sent electronically to cut down on paper and save, if not a rainforest, then at least a large part of a tree each term! There will be a few copies available on Saturdays at the workshops and one displayed on Jane Lubach's noticeboard. If you do not have access to a computer or an e-mail account please let Angela Cantan know so that other arrangements can be made.

And finally...

As we move into the winter, we can expect some severe weather conditions. If these occur, it is impossible for us to phone everyone to tell you whether classes are on or off. Therefore, we will ensure that our website is updated with the latest information – see: www.haparts.co.uk
Please also ensure that we have a current email address for you.