



# Stapleton School of Dancing

Stapleton • Begbrook • Yate • Downend • Frenchay  
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## Newsletter Summer 2017

### **NEWSFLASH!**

Save the dates! We are now starting to organise our 2018 show, Coppelia/Dancing through the decades. Pupils from all styles and grades will have the opportunity to participate. Unfortunately we have not been allocated the original dates that we would have liked but we have tried our best to make things work. We have now been given confirmed dates for the theatre so we can start the planning!

**SHOW DATES:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**VENUE:** Olympus theatre, WISE Campus, New Road, Bristol, BS34 8LP

**REHEARSALS:** Rehearsals will be at the Ridgewood Community Association, Station Road, Yate. The dress/technical rehearsal will be at The Olympus Theatre. Times and dates for both venues TBC.

A show letter will be given out shortly! Please make sure you return the reply slip whether your child is taking part in the show or not.

### ***Ballet Synopsis:***

*Coppélia tells the story of an eccentric toymaker and her mechanical doll. Dr Coppélius, the toymaker, has created the lifelike Coppélia doll, and wishes for nothing more than to bring her to life. A boy named Franz falls deeply in love with her and wants to marry her, even though he is already engaged. His fiancée, Swanhilda, sees Franz throwing kisses at Coppelia. Swanhilda soon learns that Coppelia is actually a doll that belongs to Doctor Coppelius, the toymaker. She decides to impersonate the doll, in order to win the love of Franz. Chaos ensues, but all is soon forgiven. Swanhilda and Franz make up and get married. The marriage is celebrated with several festive dances.*

### ***Dancing through the decades:***

Many styles of dance will be showcased through the decades from the Charleston to our current day hip-hop and street dance.

### **Stapleton Dancewear is now online!!!**

We are very excited to announce that you can now purchase most of our dancewear items online that can be delivered directly to your home for a small fee! Check the website out at <http://sso.mydancestore.co.uk>. The shop will still be available for your use, we recommend that you try before you buy to ensure correct sizing.













The following items are only available through the dancewear shop, Grades 3 – Majors modern/tap leotards, Made to measure character skirts and Irish shoes.

### **\*\*\*IMPORTANT UNIFORM CHANGES\*\*\***

Our current ballet uniform is over 20 years old so I'm sure you'll agree that a freshen up is well over due! All colours will stay the same however the new range of leotards are more flattering, secure, well fitted and stylish. With immediate effect the dancewear online, only stocks our new range of leotards and there is a limited stock of our current uniform range in the shop. The current uniform is still fine to wear for class so no need to rush out and buy new!

After the show has finished all grades will be required to wear the new range of leotards.

**Congratulations to all the students below  
who were awarded the following awards.**

Kindness and consideration award	Positive Attitude Award	Enthusiasm Award	Teachers Award
<p style="text-align: center;">Lucy Betty</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Evie Edwards</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Annie Mooney</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Emily Ravenhill</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Cassidy Worlock</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Annie Parker</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Saskia Pember</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Zoe Malek</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Rosie Rendell</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Aaliyah Lewis</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Olivia Morton</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Beatrice Craig</p> 

**Teachers have now selected the next set of children for these lovely awards!**

## **Summer School**

We are holding our annual junior summer school again this year! It will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Lincombe Barn, Downend.

Our two days are full of fun, dancing, games, competitions and much much more!  
Please download your booking form from our website or please see your teacher!  
Your children are guaranteed to have two full days of fun!

## **Choreography competition**

Our annual choreography competition will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> September at 11:30am @ Ridgewood. This gives children the opportunity to get creative and choreograph a dance and showcase their talent! Props and costumes are an added bonus!  
Children of all ages are welcome to participate and it's a small fee of £4.00 to enter.  
Forms are available now so if your child hasn't received one please ask your teacher!

## **Princess and Pirates**

Do you have a little princess or maybe an adventurous pirate?!  
On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August we are holding a princess and pirate's morning which will be full of fun, dancing and crafts. See you teacher for a form! 4-5 years ..... 9:45am – 12noon..... £15 per child



## **Junior Workshops**

For our older children we are holding an afternoon of dance and crafts on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August for children 6-8 years ..... 12:30pm – 3:15pm.....£18 per child

## **Competitions!**

Congratulations to Jessica Marks, Evie Timbrell, Olivia Morton, Eliza Jacques, Eleanor Jacques, Ella McNeill and Tallulah Wills who took part in an Irish competition (Feis). You all achieved amazing results! We are proud to announce that the girls had a huge number of trophies and medals. And a special mention to Eliza, Eleanor, Ella and Tallulah who won a 1<sup>st</sup> place!!!!  
A copy of the results will be put up in the Pat Short changing room for you all to have a look at.  
You should be very proud of yourselves – congratulations!



## **Parents for sale Facebook Page**

Stapleton School of Dancing now has its very own 2nd hand selling Facebook page! This is to assist parents in selling 2<sup>nd</sup> hand items that are in good condition but still have lots of use left in them! Simply search **Stapleton School of Dancing 2<sup>nd</sup> hand page** and ask to join. Happy Selling!



Also why not like our Facebook pages – Stapleton School of Dancing & Stapleton Dancewear



## **The Chipping Sodbury Big Lunch**

We performed again this year at the Chipping Sodbury Big Lunch and what a fab day it was! We are delighted to be asked back to perform again and they all danced fantastically!

You definitely made Miss Amy burst with pride yet again!



## **Friday and Saturday parents at Yate**

This is a polite reminder to keep an eye on all children that are waiting during classes. A number of fire extinguishers have been tampered with! This matter is very serious as it compromises the extinguishers and subsequently puts lives at risk. There is also a financial element to the problem as every time the extinguishers are compromised it costs £50 to have them re-assessed!

Anyone caught tampering with the fire extinguishers will be immediately fined £50!!!



## **Stapleton School of Dancing's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration.**

Happy Birthday to us!!

We would like to invite all parents and students past and present to help celebrate SSD's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday!

We will be having an afternoon of tea and cake on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 3:00pm.

Let us know if you are attending by writing your name and how many people are coming with you on the sheet at the top of the stair case at Yate, email us or select 'going' on our Facebook event .

This way we can make sure we have enough cake and tea to go around!

Please spread the word, we would love to see everyone who has been a part of this school and help us celebrate!



## **Congratulations!**

A huge congratulations to Macey Kirby and Adam Pearce for being selected for an audition for the Junior Associates with the Royal Ballet School! I'm sure you'll all agree they look very professional! You both should be very proud of yourself as there is so much competition!

Congratulations to both of you! Macey had been shorted listed and Adam has been offered a place!



## **Timetable changes**

- As of September Inter Foundation Ballet will only be on a Thursday evening (please see timetable).
- Miss Miranda's timetable will remain syllabus until after October half term.
- Irish classes are moving to a Monday evening with Miss Rachael. The classes will overlap by half an hour to allow the girls to work together when show work starts. The timetable will be as follows:  
5 + Irish – 4:00 – 5:15pm  
11 + Irish – 4:45 – 6:00pm

## Awards

The following children have been nominated for this terms awards:

### Kindness and Consideration

- Jessie Chidgey
- Ella Burridge
- Adele Goddard

### Enthusiasm award

- George Hemmings
- Maya Cant
- Olivia Willey

### Achievement Award

- Adam Pearce

### Positive Attitude

- Eliza Jacques
- Esme Holder
- Tamara Jackson

### Teacher Award

- Emily Brumpton
- Lola Cushley
- Ruby Gould

### Passion and Dedication award

- Macey Kirby

## Teacher News!

•Unfortunately we have some sad news...Miss Amy Glass (Hobday) who teaches at Begbrook on a Monday and coaching classes will be leaving us at the end of term. Miss Amy is emigrating with her family to Australia and we will be very sad to see her go! We would like to wish her all the best for her new life in Australia!

And also Miss Daisy will be leaving us at the end of this term as a job opportunity has come about that she cannot turn down. I know the students have really enjoyed the last two terms with her and Miss Daisy will be missed. A huge good luck with your new adventure!

Miss Ashleigh will be taking over both of these classes as of September. Some of you may recognise her from Junior Summer School or covering Miss Miranda's and Miss Amy's classes. Miss Ashleigh is looking forward to being an official member of Stapleton School of Dancing and can't wait to meet you all.

• As of September Miss Sue (Irish teacher) will taking a step back from teaching Irish however Miss Rachael (Miss Sue's daughter) will taking over her classes! Miss Sue will still be at the competitions and will pop in every now and again to see how everyone is getting on.

Miss Rachael used to teach for Stapleton School of Dancing at Begbrook Primary school and also teaches at our Summer school. Miss Rachael is looking forward to returning as a permanent teacher again.

We apologise for any disruption during this change over time but we are hopeful that things will remain as normal as possible.

### **•Proposal alert!**

As some of you may know during the Easter holidays Miss Amy got engaged to her partner Karl! Wedding plans are starting to take place and they have booked their wedding for 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019! Congratulations!

Classes resume on the 4<sup>th</sup> September the SHOW TIMETABLE will take effect unless marked syllabus.

**We would like to take this opportunity to inform parents that there will be lots of 'show' letters being given out in class and we advise that you check the website regularly to make sure that you have not missed any important information.**

