

## Summer Term Newsletter 2016

Dear Parents and Friends,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in our school productions, "Come Fly With Me" and "Pointe, Pirouette, Performance". We are still awaiting invoices from the theatre but thanks to your generosity we have raised at least £3,000 for our chosen charity, the Macmillan Nurses.

As always we are very busy and involved with rehearsals for festivals and we have a massive three day session of Royal Academy of Dance examinations at the end of term. We were delighted that our Easter candidates achieved such excellent results.

We send our best wishes to Jade Cawthraw and Kate Hester who will be furthering their vocational training at the School of Ballet Theatre UK and Ballet West respectively.

Two excited pupils, Olivia Lewis and Aiste Stankeviciute will be appearing with the Bolshoi Ballet Company during their season at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden this summer. Thirty eight students were privileged to perform at Elmhurst School of Dance as part of an Alumni Matinee on Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>. I have just been asked to provide dancers to be filmed at the Royal Academy of Dance for a promotional DVD from the Academy showing excellence in examination candidates.

It is always a pleasure to welcome ex-students back into our dancing family and when Miss Roberta relocated to the Isle of Wight I was delighted to appoint Miss Lara Lucano in her place. Talking of ex-students our lovely Hannah Bateman was featured in a television programme promoting Northern Ballet Theatre's new production of Jane Eyre in which she will dance the title role.

**Royal Academy of Dance results .Vocational examinations.** Olivia Jones, Erin King, Emma Lewis, Henrietta Owen and Sarah Trinder all took Advance 1, all passing with Distinction. **Graded examinations.** 17 students took examinations 11 passing with Distinction and a Gold Medal and 6 with Merit and a Silver Medal.

The 90 club were Erin King, Advanced 1 with 96, Sarah Trinder Advanced 1 with 94 and Emily West, Grade 8 with 94.

**ISTD Modern examination.** Jade Cawthraw Grade 6 Modern with Distinction and 92

Congratulations everyone, Bravo!

**Dates for your Diary.**

**Summer Term** ends Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July

RAD examinations Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**Autumn Term** Term starts Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Half term Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October inclusive

Term ends Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Provisional RAD examination 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Could we gently remind you that the term fee is £80 a term. There is a discount for those taking additional classes in any discipline and these will cost £75 a term. The exceptions are Nursery Ballet which will be £75 a term and Primary Tap and Modern which will be £60 each. It is a very great help if the correct fees are sent promptly and our thanks to all who do so.

Once again my sincere thanks to everyone who has supported and continues to support the school. Miss Sue