

# ABC BALLET SCHOOL

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**WELCOME** to all my new pupils & parents. Please do use the website, Facebook and the notice board inside the hall for information.

**CONGRATULATIONS** To all my leavers who did well in their A levels and have all got a place at university. I will miss them all having taught them for so many years. Also to Ava Dauley who, out of hundreds was offered a place in the Royal Ballet School's Junior associates along with the Cecchetti Junior Associates.

**ASSISTANTS** We welcome Miss Michaela back on Thursdays with the pre-school classes after finishing her maternity. Some of my older pupils working towards their DOE will be volunteering this term. Mia & Hannah (Tues), Martha (Thurs) Isabella, Georgia, Poppy, Niamh (Sat)

**PIANISTS** Music is an integral part of the class and we are fortunate to have some wonderfully talented pianists. Miss Leona (Tues), Mr. Timothy (Wed), Miss Jane & Miss Joanna (Thurs) & Mr Mateusz (Sat)

**THIS TERM** Some classes will be doing their exams (**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> December**), and Year 1 class upwards will be working towards theirs in the summer term. In all the classes children, will be given exercises they can do at home to help them with flexibility and core strength.

**DRESS CODE** I expect all pupils to come appropriately dressed with their hair tied up. I know this is difficult when they come straight from school but taking pride in how they look is all part of the discipline of being a dancer. Secondary school pupils **must** arrive at least 15 minutes early so that they can warm up before the lesson begins. When the weather gets colder they may only wear ballet cardigans, not baggy jumpers! Students may wear black dance shorts which can be purchased through me. Please check that your child's shoes still fit. We have a swapping system for tap shoes. Please label all shoes and ballet cardigans.

**PEGS** Please can the younger children who do tap come with a peg decorated and with their name on so they can peg their tap shoes together when they take them off.

**BELLA AND BARNABY BEAR** is awarded at the end of each lesson for year 1, 2, & 3 children. Please make sure that it is returned the following week otherwise someone else will miss out. They also have a diary to write in.

**PRE-SCHOOLERS** may bring their own teddy bears to dance with. I have a basket of teddies if they forget.

**PICK UP**-Please let me know if someone else is picking up or if they are walking home on their own. Also let me know if you are going to be late as younger children do get upset if they don't know.

**LASTLY** – Please write your child's name on the back of any cheques and put cash in an envelope clearly marked. Uniform may be ordered via email or by picking up a form at the hall. Please check notice board and website for information.

**PLEASE KEEP NOISE AND COMINGS & GOINGS TO A MINIMUM AND REMEMBER THERE IS NO SITTING IN TO WATCH UNTIL "WATCHING DAY" WHICH IS THE LAST DAY OF TERM**

Visiting relatives are always welcome.

*Alison Allen*