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Dear All

### **New Look MTC**

You will notice some changes when you arrive at MTC.

We have extended the waiting area for parents and screened off the studio area. This is for a number of reasons, the most important of which being the security of the children. We also have some new flooring very kindly given to us by Essex Dance Theatre, this means **NO ONE CAN GO PAST THE SCREENS IN OUTDOOR SHOES**. This includes shoes that have been worn to walk from the car to MTC even if they are dance shoes. Any parents or helpers entering this area must remove their shoes. It is a desperate struggle to keep the studio floor clean - remember the students have to lie on this floor - please help us to keep it clean and in good condition by observing these rules.

### **Notice Boards**

All the latest information can be found on our new notice board on the left as you enter our new look reception. Please take some time to study this board and also visit our websites where the blog is regularly updated with the latest information.

### **Second Hand Dance Kit**

In our new look reception area you will find some trays of second hand Jazz Pants, Jazz Shoes and Tap shoes. Please feel free to try them on and put a donation in the charity bottle if you would like any. They have all come from good homes! Likewise if you have any old kit that you would like to donate for us to sell please let me know.

### **Merchandise**

Also in our new look reception you will see various items of merchandise for sale, all profits from this go into our charity fund. New this season are our **Mini Mushroom** bags at £1.50 these are very handy for putting mobile phones and jewellery in to keep it safe during class or shows so that it doesn't get all lost in the bottom of your bag, they are also great to keep "go's" in.

We also have **MTC baseball caps**, great for the summer - these are £6, **Dancing mushroom T shirts Blue and Pink** at £8 and we have just a few pencil cases left at £1

### **Planters**

Deano has made a proto-type wall planter which can be viewed on the shelf in our (new look) reception area, these will be £7 and will be made to order - please let me know if you would like one.

### **Beautiful Hessian Bags**

One of the Lovelees is hand making hessian bags, they are all unique, very strong and very beautiful, they cost £10 and £7 for smaller children's ones. Many of you have already ordered these and I know have been delighted with them, please let me know if you would like one.

### **Recycling Ink Cartridges and Mobiles**

Don't throw away your old ink cartridges or Mobiles, bring them in and put them in the blue box in our (new look) reception and we can get money for our fund by recycling them for you.

### **Lottery**

We currently have a lottery syndicate running if you would like to be part of this and help raise money for our new building please let me know.

### **Fundraising team**

We meet once every half term to try and come up with ideas for raising funds for our new building. We are always looking for new members and new ideas. I know how busy everyone is but 'many hands make light work' and we do have fun as well. If you think that what we are trying to do is a worthwhile cause and you would like to get involved please let me know.

### **Lost Property**

Under the table in our (new look) reception there is a plastic box with lost property in, please have a look through it as we will be taking it to the charity shop if it isn't claimed in a couple of weeks.

### **Photocopier**

Does anyone know anything about these contraptions, because our one is extremely stropky and needs a good talking to!!!

## **EQUAL PEOPLE FUNDRAISING DATES**

RACE NIGHT	SAT 28 <sup>TH</sup> FEB	£6
CURRY NIGHT	THURS 26 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	£15
QUIZNITE	FRI 22 <sup>ND</sup> MAY	£6
SUMMER FAMILY PARTY NITE	JUNE TBA	£10 £5
CHARITY BALL	SAT OCT 3 <sup>RD</sup>	£55

**Performances**

We are being asked to perform at a number of events and dates are coming in all the time. A list can be found on the notice board on the left hand wall as you come into reception and also on the website.

**Show**

We cannot use the theatre at Eastwood as they are not taking any new bookings this year due to the fact that they have to carry out refurbishment (about time!!). I am looking into using the theatre at Seevic, this can accommodate our wheelchair performers and seats more than Eastwood and the price is similar. However, because of the length of time that we will need it for we will have to do our show over the October Half term. This has plus and minus points but the most important ones are that the children don't have to get up and go to school and we can rehearse during the day.

I am hoping to confirm this next week and will let you know as soon as I can, in the meantime don't book a holiday for October Half term!!!!

**Carnival Week**

This year carnival week is from Mon 17<sup>th</sup> August to Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> and we are taking deposits now for places on this. The theme has not been decided but some of the ideas we are working with are: Alice in Wonderland, Grease or We Will Rock You. Rest assured it will be a brilliant week as usual, if you have never 'done' carnival week it is quite an experience!!

**Examination Classes**

The first tier of our examination structure will begin this Monday with 13 Baby Ballet and Tappers joining us for our new classes. The next tier will be timetabled shortly - please let me know if your child is interested in examination classes. During this next half term some of the drama students will be working on some examination pieces and those felt suitable will be offered the opportunity take an examination later in the year, this will not be compulsory.

I think that is about all for now.

Thank you

Yours truly,

Penni Bubb



# birthday

# parties

Why not have a birthday party with a difference?

## Theatre Workshop

## Parties

A mixture of Dance, Singing and Drama

Show your friends exactly what you get up to at MTC by playing drama games, singing some popular songs and making up some cool dance moves.

You don't have to do all three it's really up to you.

# Themed Parties

Alternatively you can base your party around a particular show or theme: Grease, High School Musical, Joseph, Hairspray, Street Dance, whatever you like

You can even put on a performance at the end of the party.

# Old Fashioned Party

Come and celebrate like your Mum & Dad used to, Play: Musical Chairs, Musical Statues, Pass the Parcel and much, much more.

Parties cost £120 for two hours and up to 30 children

To book a party please call:

Penni on 07985422485