

Dear parents

I hope you are all well.

I am in the thick of show preparation at the moment and have a draft of the running order that I think works. Please do not take this as the finished version as it may change for various reasons but I will not move dances from the first half to the second half or vice versa. You can at least plan when you will be needed at rehearsals based on this information. For those of you who are new to Elite, if your child is only dancing in the first of the show, they can be collected earlier.

Dressing rooms

In order to make life easier, we colour code our dressing rooms at the show so that we can easily identify groups of children. The groups are the same as last year:

Babies – PINK

Pre Juv – YELLOW

Prep & Primary – RED

Grades 1 & 2 – BLUE

Grades 2, 3 and 4 – GREEN

DWC Squad - ORANGE

Grade 5+ - PURPLE

Adults – BLACK

For children also in Lyrical, Jazz, Musical Theatre etc, they have been allocated to the dressing room where their graded class is. Some dancers may be in different grades for different subjects so their dressing room as been assigned based on where the majority of children are.

I will post the full list on the website so you can check which room your child is in. It is useful to have this information to hand at the first group rehearsal as it will make the process of signing in much quicker.

Please be reminded of the upcoming rehearsals that require full attendance:

Sunday 9th June at Mold Sports Centre (Tech Rehearsal)

This rehearsal is always my favourite as it's the first time we get to see the show as a whole. It's a chance for the children to see each other perform and it's also where we practise our finales.

Full cast arrival time: 10am

Baby Ballet collection: 11am

First half only collection time: 12.30pm

Whole show collection time: 3pm

Dancers need to come to this rehearsal as if going to a normal dance class. Full uniform is required with correct dance shoes. Please have hair neatly tied back (a bun for all dancers apart from Baby Ballet). If you have Elite jackets, please wear them.

SUNDAY 16TH JUNE – WILLIAM ASTON HALL, WREXHAM (Dress Rehearsal)

This rehearsal will be really important as it's the first time we get to dance on the stage.

Please note staggered arrival times:

9.00am RED, PURPLE, ORANGE

9.10am YELLOW & PINK

9.20am BLUE, GREEN & BLACK

The drop off and collection point for this rehearsal and all shows will be at the rear of the hall, off the main car park. Please pull into the main car park and follow the path to the rear of the hall. It will be by the big, white marquee.

Baby Ballet collection: 10.15am

First half only collection time: 11.30am

Whole show collection time: 2pm

I am very aware that the 16th is Father's Day. I've therefore tried to pull this rehearsal forward as much as I can to limit disruption for all of our wonderful Dance Dads. A morning of peace perhaps is on the cards?

TUES 18TH, WEDS 19TH AND THURS 20TH JUNE - WILLIAM ASTON HALL, WREXHAM (Shows)

My team and I are still working out the logistics of arrival times etc for the actual shows but we will require dancers to be arriving from 6pm with the show starting at 7pm. Please therefore note approximate times:

Cast arrival - from 6pm

Show starts - 7pm

Baby Ballet collection - 7.15pm

First half only collection - 8.30 - 8.40pm

Second half collection - 9.30 - 9.45pm

Until I have all the music in from teachers and we rehearse the logistics of one dance going into the next, it is hard to say exactly when each Act will finish. These times are a guide and as soon as I have more details, I will be let you know.

I like to give parents as much information as I can ahead of our shows as it just makes everyone's lives easier! Very soon you will get from me:

- a list of exactly what your child needs to bring to the rehearsals and shows
- details of anything you may be required to supply such as white ankle socks etc

I will send this in plenty of time so you are able to source anything you need without rushing.

I have uploaded the running order to the Info For Parents link on the website. This is where I will post all show information to save you trawling through emails. I will save all emails on there too for your reference.

Show time is very special and I hope the children are getting as excited as we are. We have sold a phenomenal amount of tickets already which I am delighted about. Please tell your friends, tag us on social media and if you have any noticeboards at school, your local shop etc that would allow us to put a poster up, please grab one from Reception. I'd love to surpass the amount of tickets sold last year so that your children can entertain a packed house every night!