

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all our students for your amazing performances on Saturday 22nd of September. I am so proud of you all for your hard work, good behaviour and beautiful dancing. We had a fantastic day at the Wycombe Swan Theatre and put on two stunning performances! Without our wonderful team of teachers, chaperones, ex-pupils, parents, helpers and dress makers none of this would have been possible. We are very proud of each and every child that took part in our show whether it was their first or last, it was definitely one to remember! If you didn't manage to purchase a show programme or pre-order your DVD you will be able to do so in class.

*"Its not where you go, its who you meet along the way." - wizard of oz.*

### Show Photos -

Our show photos are now available to view online! The full collection of live action shots and studio shots can be viewed on the Carmel Jane Photography website and our code is on the flyer attached. Fabulous shots of everyone involved, well done for all your hard work, the show photos are beautiful!

### Show DVD's -

The show DVD's are still being edited and are due to arrive before the end of term. Once we have received them your teacher will hand them out in class.

### Charity Fundraisers

#### Lotties Story - PoTS UK

Lottie was diagnosed in January 2017 with POTS. Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome. This is a life altering and debilitating chronic health condition. Simply standing up can be a challenge. Her body has difficulty adjusting to gravity. Lottie spent two months in bed, unable to sit up. Symptoms include headache, fatigue, palpitation, sweating, nausea, fainting and dizziness.

Treatment includes medication, drinking at least three litres of water a day, high salt diet and exercise.

Dance has played a huge part in Lottie's rehabilitation. Once she could sit up, Lottie visited CSDS in her wheelchair. She joined in warm up with her walking frame and even joined in a demonstration in her chair.

POTS is a rare condition. 92% of sufferers are female, the condition is widely unknown frequently misdiagnosed. Lottie was labelled as having panic attacks and in school, she was accused of faking.

POTS-UK was founded by a group of individuals with POTS, supported and guided by doctors and specialist nurses. The group supports and encourages people with POTS. Many GPs have no knowledge of POTS. POTS-UK is a valuable resource for Lottie and her family, they also provide information for school staff and medical professionals.

After twenty-one months out of education, Lottie has now started at college doing her A – Levels.

Your generous donations on show day have raised a huge **£525.00 for PoTs UK** which will help to raise awareness and fund research into this rare condition. On behalf of everyone here at CSDS we would like to say thank you for your kind donations to this amazing cause, your money helps to change the lives of people like Lottie and others in the UK. To find out more please visit their website - <http://www.potsuk.org/>

### Macmillan Coffee Morning -

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously at our coffee morning on Saturday 29th September. We raised **£120.00 for Macmillan Cancer Support.**

### New Members joining The CSDS Team.

#### Miss Lara Morton

We are delighted to announce Lara Morton will be joining the CSDS Teaching team this term. Miss Lara started dancing with CSDS at the age of 5 she has studied RAD Ballet, ISTD Ballet, Tap & Modern up to advanced 1 and has also studied contemporary dance. Miss Lara has been accepted onto the Certificate in Ballet Teaching Studies at the prestigious Royal Academy of Dance in London. We would like to wish her the best of luck as she commences her Teacher training and we are delighted to have her as part of our teaching team. Miss Lara is DBS Checked, First Aid Trained and holds a chaperone license.

### Invoices

Our invoices are sent out through a distributor called 'XERO'. When you search for CSDS our newsletters and general emails will appear. To find your invoices you need to search for 'XERO'. If you have any queries with regards to this please feel free to email us and please check your spam. **Autumn term invoices were due on the 15th September** if you have not done so, please can you pay your bill as soon as possible.

### Paying your Invoices.

May we take this time to remind you that payments are due within the first two weeks of term, or on receipt of an invoice if a pupil joins part way through the term. We are continually having to chase late payments which takes up valuable admin time. Late payments, where reminders are sent, may incur a £10 administration charge, subject to the school's reasonable discretion. The Schools full terms and conditions can be found on our website; <http://www.csds.co.uk/terms/>

Our preferred method of payment is via **online banking**. Please pay all your invoices via online bank transfer where ever possible and put your CHILDS name as reference. **As of January 2019 we will no longer be accepting cheques.**

### This Terms Student Achievements

The Summer term has been very busy for lots of our pupils. We are very fortunate to have audition opportunities locally, lots of companies share their audition dates and information on facebook and we also share it on our CSDS page to inform parents of the performance opportunities in the area.

We are delighted to announce that a number of our pupils have successfully auditioned for the following show's;

#### **Peter Pan - Aylesbury Waterside Theatre - Pantomime.**

We are delighted to announce, that Marcus Barratt & Daisy Taylor have secured professional contracts with 'UK Productions Ltd'. They will be dancing in the Blue team junior Ensemble over the Christmas period at The Aylesbury Waterside Theatre. Well done for this fantastic achievement we can't wait to see you shine on stage!

#### **Certificate in Ballet Teaching Studies - RAD**

It is with great pride we can finally announce Miss Lara Morton has been accepted onto the CBTS teaching course with the RAD. Lara is following her dreams of becoming a qualified ballet teacher and is joining the CSDS Teaching team this term!

### **Scholarship to full time performing arts school!**

Marcus Barratt has been awarded a scholarship to attend Redroofs Performing Arts school full time! Marcus started his training at his new school in September, he will still be attending regular lesson with CSDS but we want to wish him the best of luck at his new school. From all of us at CSDS, good luck and congratulations! Enjoy every moment, we are so proud of you.

### **Ballet Intensive Weekend - Tring Park School for the Performing arts.**

Elisha Buckland, Elfin Bull & Madison Jenkins attended the Intensive Ballet weekend at Tring Park School for the Performing arts. Their weekend consisted of warm up, barre work, allegro, virtuosity, repertoire from the nutcracker and sleeping beauty and pointe work for the seniors. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the weekend and working with industry professionals.

We are very proud of all of our students and their achievements.

If you are looking for performance opportunities for your child, then 'Like' our Facebook page to keep up to date with upcoming events and auditions in the area. <https://www.facebook.com/csdsdance/>

### **Term Dates 2017/2018**

Autumn Term 2018 – 13 weeks (3 weeks off for Christmas)

Spring Term 2019 – 10 weeks (3 weeks off for Easter)

Summer Term 2019 – 13 weeks

Autumn Term 2018	Sun 9th Sept	Sun 16th Dec	Sun 21st Oct	Sun 28th Oct
Spring Term 2019	Mon 7th Jan	Sun 7th April	Sun 17th Feb	Sun 24th Feb
Summer Term 2019	Mon 29th Apr	Mon 22nd July (Inc of Bank Holiday)	Mon 27th May	Sun 2nd Jun

### **SAVE THE DATE - Upcoming Events**

#### **Sunday 18th November - BBC Children in Need Tapathon 2018**

No matter of age or dance ability, the TAPATHON 2018 needs your support. The TAPATHON is a great opportunity for non-dancers and trained dancers to come together to break a world record, while raising money for some of the UK's most disadvantaged children.

We have registered our school to take part in the BBC Children in Need Tapathon 2018. Any one is welcome to take part in this amazing charity event. All the information is outlined below;

**DATE** - Sunday 18th November

**VENUE** - Hughenden Village Hall

**AIM** - to set a new world record and enter into one of the most famous record books in the world.

If you have signed up please keep practising with the videos below;

### **ROUTINE INFORMATION**

There are two versions of the Tapathon- the Normal Routine & the Simplified Routine. Any problems clicking on the links, just copy and paste into your browser.

<https://vimeo.com/287224702>

<https://vimeo.com/287029487>

*The Flyer for this event is attached*

### **ISTD Examinations**

We have applied for ISTD Exams on the following date. All of our teachers are highly trained and qualified and will only enter children when they are ready for an exam. Please bare in mind that all children are different and some may be ready before others. Age is not a reflection of what level they should be at. We are very fortunate as a school to be able to offer regular examination sessions, your teacher will approach you when your child is ready to take an exam.

- **Tuesday 4th December - ISTD Tap & Modern Exams - The Guildhall, High Wycombe.**

**All students involved in this session have been approached by their teacher.**

The timetable for the day will be posted on the website shortly - <http://www.csds.co.uk/class-info/exams/>

### **Sunday 2nd December - Christmas Demonstration Day 2017**

Our Christmas demonstration day is a free event which is open to all students from Pre-School to Grade 2. This is a great opportunity to see what your child has been learning in class this term and for you to see their progression.

**DATE** - Sunday 2nd December

**VENUE** - Hughenden Village Hall

**TIME** - 12.30-3.30pm

A Timetable of the afternoons events will be sent to you closer to the date.

### **Summer Schools 2019**

We are holding two summer schools again next year, one for our senior students and one for our junior's please find the details below. Summer school is always a fun-filled, action packed week for all students involved. With lessons in all our usual subjects and a chance to explore other dance styles and disciplines.

**Senior Summer School** – Open to students in Standard/Grade 4 and above. (12yrs +)

Date - Monday 12th-Friday 16th August

Venue - Hughenden Village Hall

Price - £150.00  
Time - 8.45-5.00pm Everyday

**Junior Summer School** – Open to students in Pre-Primary – Standard/Grade 3. (5yrs+)

Date - Monday 19th-Friday 23rd August

Venue - Hughenden Village Hall

Price - £100.00

Time - 9.45-3.00pm Everyday

**Flyers are attached**

To register your interest please email [info@csds.co.uk](mailto:info@csds.co.uk). We are accepting full payments or payment in instalments. To avoid disappointment please book your child's place as soon as possible.

**Castle Street Dance Studios Christmas Tree - All Saints Church High Wycombe.**

This year we have sponsored a Christmas tree at the All Saints Church in High Wycombe Town Centre and we would like our students to help us decorate it! All you have to do is choose one of the colouring pages attached, decorate it, name it and return it to your class teacher and we will hang them on our tree which will be on displayed in the church over the Christmas period.

**CSDS Uniform**

We have now added some new items to our clothing line. These include - Leggings, sports bras, holdalls, tracksuit bottoms, zip up hoodies and much more. You can purchase the new CSDS uniform from here - <https://rockthedragon.co.uk/castle-street-dance-studio/>

The online shop allows you to place your order, pay through the website and have your items delivered to your address. If you would like your items personalised you can add this into the 'Notes' section before checking out.

Thank you all for your continued support to the school.

Kind Regards,  
The CSDS Team.

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