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## February Newsletter 2025

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A warm welcome back. We hope you had a lovely half-term.

### Reminder Dates

- Classes resume Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Liphook Junior School.
- All term dates are available on our website [www.liphookacademyofdance.co.uk](http://www.liphookacademyofdance.co.uk)
- Please note there will be NO lessons on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June.
- Extra exam lessons will be available on Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June – see below for timetable.

### Show 2025 Dance Mania

- Congratulations to all students who participated in our 2025 show. Amazing performances from all and a real confidence boost.
- Show photos are available to view again if you missed them last weekend, on March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you provide a USB stick 32GB with £1 in an envelope with your child's name on it Rob will give you a copy of the performance.

### New Tap Class

- There is a new junior tap class starting on Thursdays at Bohunt School at 16.15. If you would like you child to give tap a go then please email Rebecca to register for a free trial.

### Ballet Exams 2025

- Exam date has been confirmed by the ISTD as Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June at Amesbury School.
- Consent forms for exams need to be completed and returned ASAP.
- Children ready to participate in the Summer 2025 session are:
  - Grade 2 – Bethany, Madison
  - Grade 4 – Rebecca, Emilie, Georgia C, Georgia M, Izzy, Emma
  - Grade 5 – Lilly-Paige
  - Grade 6 – Zoe, Clemmie, Sammie, Lana, Mia
- Only those with regular attendance will be entered for exams. ISTD exams are an exciting experience. Students are selected for ballet exams at the recommendation of Rebecca. While we encourage students to take the opportunity please note that exams are not in any way compulsory.
- They provide a goal and something for the children to work towards, helping maintain focus and progression, something that is found important when working so hard at something on a weekly basis.
- When are they ready? As a school we assess when each individual child is ready to participate in an exam. Although they enter the exam room in small groups they have to be ready to go in without the supervision of a teacher and perform

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exercises individually. This can be overwhelming for some especially if they are under prepared so this is not a decision that we take lightly.

- If your child is invited to take an exam but it is too large a time commitment for your family, they will most likely still be able to move up a grade with the other children in their class. Although we are keen to encourage the children to take exams, we understand that exams are not for everyone so would never let a child be left behind purely because they cannot commit to the extra time or financial obligations required.
- Because the exams are of a high standard the ISTD has raised the age entry to some of the grades. Grade 2 students must be a minimum age of 8. Grade 3 ballet students are currently attending one lesson a week. For this reason they will be working towards exams either Autumn 2025 or Spring 2026.
- ISTD Grade 4/5 exams are the equivalent of a GCSE and Grade 6 and above an A level.

## Exam Lessons

### Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> – Liphook Infant School

- 09:30 – 10:15 Grade 2 – Madison, Bethany
- 10:15 – 11:15 Grade 4, Rebecca, Emilie, Izzy, Emma, Georgia C, Georgia M
- 11:15 – 12:15 Grade 6 – Mia, Zoe, Sammie, Clemmie, Lana
- 12:15 – 13:00 Grade 5 – Lilly-Paige

### Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup> – Liphook Junior School

- 09:30 – 10:15 Grade 2
- 10:15 – 11:15 Grade 4
- 11:15 – 12:15 Grade 6
- 12:15 – 13:00 Grade 5

## Anne's Dance Shop – next date Sat 26<sup>th</sup> April

- Available for exam uniform and shoes
- Tiny Tot and Primary ballet uniform – all should now be in regulation uniform please
- Any uniform queries or to place an order/arrange an appointment please email Anne on [arr@lemur.co.uk](mailto:arr@lemur.co.uk)

All fees are now due. Please check your emails for invoices and if you have not received one prior to the start of the new term please let Anne know. Payment is due on receipt of invoice.

As usual any queries please email either Rebecca or Anne.

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