



Redhurst Schools of Dancing

# Dance Vortex

Show Newsletter 2 - July 2017

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Dear Parents,

We are almost there. Many thanks for everyone's help and cooperation so far. The costumes look wonderful and I'm sure the children will dance beautifully as they have been working really hard and are very excited about this year's show. It is all coming together and we hope that you will really enjoy it.

There is a lot of information here. We will also post it onto our website [www.redhurstschoolsofdancing.co.uk](http://www.redhurstschoolsofdancing.co.uk) Please visit the website as your first port of call if you need to know anything. Both show Newsletters will be posted there and also all timetables.

Here's to a successful show! Thank you for all your continuing support.

### Important Dates and Times

Sat July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	See below	Rehearsal at Sackville
Sun July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	See below	Rehearsal at Sackville
Mon July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Call times below	Dress Rehearsal The Hawth
Tues July 25 <sup>th</sup>	7pm Call times below	Performance The Hawth
Wed July 26 <sup>th</sup>	2pm & 7pm Call times below	Performances The Hawth

### Ticket Sales

Tickets are still on sale, further details are on our website. It would be great to see good audiences at The Hawth after all the effort the children, and yourselves have put in.

### Photographs

We are not having a Photo call this year but Fishard Productions are there at dress rehearsal & will be taking photos which will hopefully be on display in Foyer. Heather has also been asked to take Photos of the Leavers after receiving their graduation rose & certificate.

### Download the show!

The Show, as always is being recorded and this time the show will be available to download. Details about how to order will be sent soon.

### More help needed!

Many of you have volunteered to help for which I send a Big Thank You! It is a very busy time of year, but we still have costumes to finish, props to make and things to organise so if you can spare even a little time let us know.

We particularly need **programme sellers** prior to the show, if you can help at all please email [admin@redhurstschoolsofdancing.co.uk](mailto:admin@redhurstschoolsofdancing.co.uk)

### Show Tickets

**Adults: £13 (discounts £10).**

**Box Office: [Hawth.co.uk](http://Hawth.co.uk) or phone 01293 553636**

**The information will also be posted onto our website, however we urge you to keep the information safe, there is a lot to take in.**

**This letter contains very important information, so please read carefully and keep safe for referral later!**

## **Childcare arrangements**

### **In compliance with the South East Regional Network for Child Employment & Entertainment Licences**

During the dress rehearsal and performances we are bound by strict guidelines issued by the government and Local Education Authority (LEA) who are entitled to carry out an inspection at any time. These rules and regulations are in place to ensure that the children have a safe and happy show, therefore we do appreciate your support and cooperation in these matters.

#### **What Do They Do?**

Your child will be assigned a designated changing room appropriate to their age group/gender.

There will be AT LEAST one Licensed Chaperone on a ratio of 1-12 children with additional designated DBS checked helpers.

The children will be helped to get dressed, made-up and have their hair done. Whilst waiting their turn they will have stories, endless games, songs, videos etc. A jolly time is had by all!!

The children will be escorted to and from the stage and an adult will make sure the children are ready and changed for each part.

#### **Registration Process**

We need to keep an accurate register of all children at the dress rehearsal and all performances. Please notify us immediately if there are any performances your child is not attending so that the chaperone in charge can amend her registers accordingly.

We regret that no adults will be allowed in the dressing rooms other than the official chaperones and designated DBS checked personnel.

You are required to sign the children in and out of the dressing room and check that the emergency contact numbers and medical information that we hold is current.

You must also provide the name of anyone collecting the child if it is not yourself

The younger children who are not in any other parts of the show are to be collected from the dressing room at the first interval.

On Wednesday, **ALL** children are to be collected between the matinee and evening performances as there will be no child care available for the period between performances. You are welcome to picnic in the grounds between performances.

### **Sickness and Medication**

Your signed disclaimer form states that your child is medically fit to take part in the show. However, if your child is unwell on the day of the performance we would be grateful if you did not send them and you notify me as soon as possible.

- No medication may be left with your child.
- Please email [admin@redhurstschoolsofdancing.co.uk](mailto:admin@redhurstschoolsofdancing.co.uk) if there is any medical condition affecting your child. You will be required to fill out a medical form.
- We cannot administer any medication without prior written consent.

## Rehearsals at Sackville School 22/23 July.

ALL Students must attend.

### What do they need?

When they arrive on Saturday at **Sackville** we request they have a small plastic or cardboard box labelled with their name, suitable to store small personal belongings and able to be stashed under a chair. In this box it would be useful to have:-

- Mule type slippers
- Hairbrush/comb
- Tissues
- Book/puzzle book
- Large shirt (daddy's chance to make a contribution) to protect costumes.
- They **MUST** remember any dance shoes that are required Tap, Ballet etc

They do **not** require snacks and drinks as these will be provided.

IF your child has any allergies you **MUST** have informed us and filled out one of our medical forms, please email admin if you have not.

At the end of the rehearsal on Sunday they will need to take these boxes home & remember to bring everything to the Theatre on Monday for the Dress Rehearsal they will then be left until the last performance, therefore it is **ESSENTIAL** they are clearly labelled.

These rehearsals are crucial to the smooth running of the show.

Each day will be run fairly similar but with a few differences so please take note of the exact timings.

### Classes involved in Act One (mornings)

Opening Number  
Pre-Primary & Primary Ballet  
Grade 1, 2 & 3 Ballet  
Leaver's Dance  
Greek Advanced 1  
Grade 1 & 2 Tap  
Modern Grade 1  
Intermediate Jazz and Intermediate Modern  
Advanced Modern

### Classes involved in Act Two (afternoon)

Grade 4 and 5 Ballet  
Intermediate and Senior Ballet  
Junior and Senior National  
Grade 4 and Intermediate Tap  
Advanced Levels 1 and 2 Tap  
Grade 2 and 3 Greek  
Inter-foundation and Intermediate Greek  
Junior Jazz and Grade Three Modern  
Senior Jazz  
Senior Modern

\* This is not the running order

\* Soloists and guest artistes please contact admin if you are not sure in which act you are dancing.

**\*Children only in the first act can go home at lunchtime and are strongly advised to be collected during the interval on performance days. This will greatly conserve their energy and ease the pressure on the chaperones backstage who will be getting the dancers ready for the second act.**

## Rehearsals at Sackville School 22/23 July.

Signing in and out correctly **MUST** be adhered to.

### Saturday 22nd

10.00 **First Act Children arrive**

10.25 Half hour call for Act 1 (costume, prep etc.)

11.00 Act 1 as show in full costume – allowing for some organising of exits / entrances and costume changes.

13.00 Lunch – **Children in Act one only may leave / Children only in Act two may arrive at 13.30.**

14.00 Finale rehearsal

14.55 Half hour call for Act 2 (costume, prep etc.)

15.30 Act 2 as show in full costume – allowing for some organising of exits / entrances and costume changes.

17.30 Notes

18.00 End of Day

### Sunday 23rd July

10.00 **Children arrive**

10.25 Half hour call for Act 1

11.00 Act 1 as show in full costume – No Stopping!

12.15 Notes

13.00 Lunch – **Children in Act one only may leave / Children only in Act two may arrive at 13.30**

14.00 Finale rehearsal

14.25 Half hour call for Act 2 (costume, prep etc.)

15.00 Act 2 as show in full costume – No Stopping!

16.15 Notes

17.30 Problem solving

18.00 End of Day

Once we have completed these rehearsals we will have more positive times for collection etc. from the dress rehearsal and performances over the next couple of days.

## **Dress Rehearsal – The Hawth Theatre 24<sup>th</sup> July**

We are very mindful that this is a school day for many, but the earlier we can start the sooner the children can go home for a good night's rest.

We would like to start the rehearsal promptly at 5:30pm Arrival times for children are below, these are staggered in order to help Hair & Make-up ladies cope with numbers.

Make sure that your child has eaten before they arrive.

Arrival times for 5.30pm Dress Rehearsal

3.00pm Seniors – All subjects

If seniors are available during the day your **help** at the theatre would be appreciated.

4.00pm Grades II, III, & IV – All subjects

4.30pm Pre-Primary, Primary & Grade I

When arriving please once again adhere to the **above guidelines** regarding Childcare - ALL requests are important and follow West Sussex/Government Rules and Regulations. It is highly possible as it is our first time at The Hawth that we will receive a "spot check" Inspection from the Child Education and Welfare Department to make sure we are complying with these rules. If they are not adhered to the performances can be cancelled, chaperones lose their licences permanently and I could be open to prosecution regarding the Health and Safety/Child Protection Laws.

Collection times for Dress Rehearsal are as follows; again, please ensure the Childcare information sheet is adhered to!

Once the children are ready we will run the show as it will be at the performances, giving us more positive times for collection etc. from the performances.

If your child is only in the first half of the performance, we strongly advise that if at all possible they are collected at the interval. This will ease the pressure on the chaperones but also greatly conserve their energy, particularly the younger ones.

If your child is only in the second half, they are still required at the call times at dress rehearsal and performance days.

### **Costumes**

Your child's appropriate costumes will be waiting for them in their changing room. Please remember EVERYTHING else the children may need ie. Ballet shoes, Tap shoes etc. – you do not want to have to go home again!

ALL costumes and accessories will be left at the theatre from Dress Rehearsal to end of Show. You may then take all costumes home!

### **Hair and Make Up**

Make-up & hair pins, nets etc. are all to be provided by the school to make your life easier, however we would ask each child to pay £2, to be handed in at Dress-rehearsal in an envelope with your child's name on it. Please bring your own brush & comb!

Any extra volunteers to help with hair & make-up will be greatly appreciated – DBS checked people only, please send your DBS certificate to [admin@redhurstschoolsfdacncing.co.uk](mailto:admin@redhurstschoolsfdacncing.co.uk)

## **Performances 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July**

If any seniors are available during the day, your help would be appreciated.

Arrival times for 7.00pm Performances (Tues and Weds)

2.00pm Seniors – All subjects for spacing, fixing and warm up

5.30pm Grades II, III, & IV – All subjects

6.00pm Pre-Primary, Primary & Grade I

Arrival times for 2.00pm Performance (Weds)

12.00pm Seniors

12.30pm Grades II, III, & IV

1.00pm Pre-Primary, Primary & Grade I

Make sure that your child has eaten before they arrive.

Please ensure you comply with the "Registering" and "Collection" procedures as in the Childcare letter.

You are welcome to stay at the theatre and in the grounds between the matinee and evening performances on Wednesday but my staff and I CAN NOT accept any responsibility for care or supervision of your children. The children MUST be collected between performances to rest and be fed.

Hopefully you now have all the information that you need, everyone has worked extremely hard over the last few weeks and you will now begin to see everything come together.

Enjoy the show!