



Redhurst Schools of Dancing

Show Newsletter

Show Newsletter 1 – January 2024

Dear Parents,

This is the first Newsletter regarding this year's show which will take place at The Hawth Theatre on 27th July (Matinee and Evening). Already the children are beginning to get excited about it so we thought that we would explain what happens and what is needed from parents to ensure the show takes place.

Important Dates and Times Please keep these dates free!		
Sat July 20th & Sun July 21st	Timings to be confirmed, maybe half days or whole depending on number of dances.	Rehearsals Venue to be confirmed
Fri July 26th	4.30pm (tbc)	Tech Rehearsal Dress Rehearsal At Hawth
Sat July 27th	2pm & 7pm	Performances The Hawth

Firstly, please put all the dates opposite in your diary now.

There will be lots more information coming soon however we are asking if you, as parents, are willing to help because without everyone's support the show cannot go ahead.

Timetabling

All pupils are invited to take part regardless of age and will perform at least one dance in every genre that they do. The exception is Body Conditioning. Sometimes classes are combined, so it is expected that there will be a few changes to lesson timetable after Easter, in the Summer term. Extra dances will also be incorporated to give a varied programme. The summer term's timetable will be published very soon so that you are aware of the temporary changes. It is a real headache to fit everything in and these times and days are NOT flexible. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Volunteer Helpers / Chaperones

We shall need two complete teams of helpers backstage (one for each show) so that the children are safely taken care of and also every parent has the opportunity to watch.

To become a backstage helper (called a chaperone) you will need to apply for a special licence because during the show the children are taken care of by **strictly** licenced chaperones only. By law, no other person other than theatre staff may be permitted backstage. This is why, we need as many as possible to sign up.

As a chaperone, we would like you to attend all of the following if possible.

Rehearsals - Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st July (full or half days depending on the age group)

Dress rehearsal – Fri 26th July

One performance on Sat 27th July. We will need to ensure both performances are covered.

To apply for a licence, you need to apply to your county authority. This needs to be done ASAP as it takes them a long time to process the applications. There is usually a small fee (which Redhurst will cover) and one or two training sessions to attend. Training sessions can

Principal : Mrs Kay Ball Dip. LCDD, FISTD, Registered Member RAD Examiner ISTD

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get booked up quickly at this time of year, so please sign up and action this quickly – without enough chaperones we cannot go ahead.

In 2022, there was such a backlog with obtaining licences, we were unsure until the week before that the show could actually go ahead, due to lack of chaperones. It was very stressful, you could really help us out by signing up to a course quickly.

Please can you let Sam know on admin@redhurstschoolsofdancing.co.uk if you are willing to help and she will send you details on how to apply.

Funding the Show

Although a show is great fun to put on, unfortunately it costs a lot of money. It takes many thousands of pounds to hire the theatre, props, lighting and sound etc and then a further £10,000 or so for costumes. It is for this reason we need to ask you to pay a contribution towards the costumes of **£40 per subject**. The students keep their costumes after the show.

How to pay:

You may pay the show fee all at once or a bit each week, whichever you prefer. However, all Show Fees must be paid in full by **Saturday 8th June 2024**.

Payment is by cash or cheque, please make cheques payable to **'The Redhurst Schools of Dancing Show Fund'**. Please note that this is a separate account to term fees so to help with administration, could you please ensure that you keep the payments separate.

Please ensure that you do not pay this into our online account.

Further Funding

Although finding the time is often difficult, we try to fundraise between our shows to help with the cost of putting on a show, you may have bought raffle tickets, taken part in Non Uniform days and the small profit we make from uniform sales goes into the Show Fund too. We hope that in the next couple of months some fundraising activities can be arranged, please let Sam know if you are able to help arrange anything (🏠 We hear a cake sale has been mentioned!!! 🍰)

Would anyone else be able to join a small fundraising committee? Funds are desperately needed.

Rehearsals – Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st July

This will be the point that we put the show together and troubleshoot any problems. We will send out exact timings nearer to July but students and chaperones keep the weekend free please.



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Finally and most importantly.

Providing we get enough parent helpers and enough funds the show will take place on Saturday July 27th

You **MUST** sign and return a disclaimer form to allow your child to take part. This is a requirement of the West Sussex Children in Employment and Entertainment Team. Please do this as soon as possible so that we know how many children to cater for.

If for any reason your child can NOT take part in the show, please let us know as soon as possible, they are still very welcome to attend classes and will still be very much involved.

Click Here: [Disclaimer Form](#)

This will be a very busy few weeks but students who have been in our shows before will tell you how wonderful it is, we hope that you will help us celebrate 40 years of Redhurst in style.

Many thanks

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kay Ball".