



# FKDA SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2018

## New Year

We hope you are having a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you back at classes in the Autumn term

Term Starts on Monday 10th September 2018



## Lights, Camera, Action Show 2018

A huge well done to everyone that performed in the show. I felt that the show went exceptionally well in our new venue. Thank you to the parents that helped in the preparation and during the show week.



## Fox King Dancewear

10% discount will be offered to all orders placed AND paid for between 10<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September. Orders cannot be accepted without payment. Order forms will be available on the notice boards at each venue.

## Exam Dates 2018

Well done to those who have completed exams this year. We have had some amazing results!! Our next exam session is in the Autumn term  
Tap, Modern and Jazz - 7<sup>th</sup> September  
Ballet - 8<sup>th</sup> October



## Carnival Concerts

*Congratulations!*

Congratulations to the group of 16 senior students on successfully auditioning for Front of Curtain act at this year Carnival Concerts. We hope that you will support and watch them during the shows from 1<sup>st</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October.

Well done to Catrin for gaining a place with her beautiful singing and we look forward to seeing other Fox King pupils performing with different clubs.



## Facebook

Why not join our Facebook group "Fox King Dance Academy" You can read all the latest up-to-date information on our page





### Miss Sarah - Maternity leave

As many of you will be aware, Miss Sarah is now on maternity leave with her baby due at the end of August. I'm sure that your child can't wait to meet the newest member of Fox King!

Miss Sarah will not be working during the Autumn term or the beginning half of the Spring term. She will gradually be returning to teaching from February onwards. We will be welcoming three teachers to the school to cover Miss Sarah's classes. Details are overleaf.

### Festival Competitions

Well done to the girls that competed at festivals throughout the year  
Many students were placed 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> with some amazing marks and comments. We had some excellent results with our Junior and Senior groups, congratulations.  
**Good Luck** to students that will be competing this year.

**Please contact Miss Williamson if you wish for your child to participate in competitions.**

### All Stars

20 students are enrolled on this years All Stars programme which offer monthly classes and workshops in subjects not available on the schools timetable. So far they have taken acrobatic, musical theatre, contemporary, ballet, tap, jazz and street technique workshops!

Information will be available for the new course shortly.

### Meeting with Miss Williamson

If you wish to discuss your child's progress or classes to be taken next term, please contact Miss Williamson.

Contact Number: 07788 752491

Email [Tamzynn.fkda@yahoo.com](mailto:Tamzynn.fkda@yahoo.com)



### South West Theatre Ballet

Information will be sent shortly about a theatre trip to watch 13 FKDA pupils perform in South West Theatre Ballet's associate scheme production of Beauty and the Beast. The performances are at the beginning of November.

### Fox king Trip 2019-Move it! Dance exhibition 8-10<sup>th</sup> March

Join us for a fun packed weekend of dance.

Return coach journey to London. Depart PM 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Two nights accommodation in a central London hotel.

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> - Free time to explore the city and take class at the world famous Pineapple studios.

Tickets for the evening performance of a West End musical.

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> - Day ticket to Move it! Dance exhibition at London Excel. Return late PM.

More information will be sent in October. This is a perfect Christmas present!!

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## MEET THE TEACHERS

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### JOANNE WILSON (Mrs Wilson)

Mrs Wilson grew up dancing in Northampton, fully completing her ISTD Modern and Tap grades with Distinction results for all her majors (Intermediate and above).

Northampton is also where her performance career began as she performed in the professional Derngate Pantomimes every year from the age 7-13years.

Mrs Wilson's professional dance contracts include, Warner Holidays UK, Apollon Cabaret Show Bar Turkey, Extravaganza Show team Menorca, Salou and Italian Tour, MV Joules Verne Mediterranean Cruise Itenary, Roberts Brothers Circus UK Tour and Martyn Lucas One Night in Vegas Uk, to name a few.

In July 2008 Mrs Wilson moved to Devon to focus on building her teaching qualifications. Having already completed Associate Modern and Tap, achieving Distinctions for both whilst in Northampton, it was time to further her knowledge of the ballet world, which is where Miss Fleet became her amazing mentor and inspiration! Mrs Wilson has now worked hard to achieve an ISTD Level 5 Diploma in Dance Education (DDE) for Ballet and most recently a Level 6 Diploma in Dance Pedagogy (Distinction) gaining Licentiate status within the ISTD.

Most recently she has had a new addition to her family, Jack a lovely little brother for her 6 year old daughter Georgie.

**Mrs Wilson will be teaching Tap, modern and jazz classes on a Monday in Bradninch.**

### AMY PARISH (Miss Parish)

Starting to dance at a young age of 3 Amy always knew she wanted to pursue dance as a career and has achieved all of her dance grades including Advanced 1 in Tap and Modern gaining High Merits and Distinctions with the ISTD and all of her ballet grades including Vocational exams with the RAD. After successfully auditioning at the age of 17, Amy was offered places at a number of professional colleges in and around London and chose to continue full time training at Stageworks Performing Arts.

After a long term injury Amy returned home to North Devon in 2015 unable to continue her professional training. She started to teach dancing and singing in her local area and decided to further her dance education with the ISTD studying her DDI alongside her teaching and again achieving high marks in both her Modern and Tap exams Amy also became Acrobatic Arts Certified at the beginning of 2017.

Amy has recently finished studying her Diploma in Dance Education in Tap and Modern and looks forward to continuing her studies in Ballet. Amy enjoys passing on her passion and knowledge of dancing and singing to those who love it and she is now looking forward to her future teaching career and where it may take her.

**Miss Parish will be covering Bradninch classes on Tuesdays for the Autumn and Spring terms.**

## **KATIE SHAW (Miss Shaw)**

Katie originates from Bradninch and has danced at Fox King since she was 8 years old.

After G.C.S.E.'s, she undertook a BTEC in performing arts at Exeter College. During her time at Fox King, Katie has performed in many shows including Disneyland Paris in 2016 and has taken dance exams up to and including vocational level.

She has assisted staff in classes for the past four years. She is currently completing her teacher training under the guidance of Miss Williamson and will shortly become a fully qualified teacher.

**Katie is very excited to be working with ballet pupils in Bridgwater on a Wednesday.**

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### **Non Syllabus Classes**

#### **Ballet Conditioning - Progressive Ballet Technique syllabus**

Conditioning class to supplement ballet classes.

Junior Ballet Conditioning (suitable for students in grades 1 and 2 ballet) - Saturdays 12.15-12.45pm

Mids Ballet Conditioning (students in grades 3-5 and Inter F ballet) - Saturdays 3.15-3.45pm

Senior Ballet Conditioning (students in Inter, Adv 1 & 2 Ballet) - Saturdays 5pm-5.30pm

**This class is free of charge. Each class is limited to 20 students so children need to put their names down ASAP.**

#### **Fitness and Stretch Class**

Does your child strive to do the splits? This class is designed for them!! Designed to strengthen and stretch the body in preparation for the demands of the ISTD syllabus.

Junior Fit and Stretch (suitable for Grade 3 - Inter F Ballet) - Thursdays 5.45-6.30pm

Senior Fit and Stretch (suitable for Inter Ballet and above) - Thursdays 6.30-7pm

**This class is free of charge. Spaces are limited.**

#### **Pirouette and Leap Surgery**

Fox King recently became a certified studio to offer the Rosina Andrews method classes. Rosina trained in the UK before furthering her dance education in Los Angeles. There she studied how American dance students are taught to turn and leap from a very young age. Her syllabus trains students to 'pirouette' and leap in a safe manner. The current dance industry requires students to be able to spin multiple times and perform leaps and tricks. Does your child copy 'Dance Moms' on the TV? This class is a must do!

Further information can be found on - [www.rosinaandrews.co.uk](http://www.rosinaandrews.co.uk)

Junior Surgery is open to grade 1 - 3 ballet and modern students - Mondays 6.30-7.15pm

Mids Surgery is open to grade 4 - Inter F ballet and modern students - Fridays 4.45-5.30pm

Senior Surgery is open to students in Inter ballet and above - Saturdays 5.30-6.15pm

**Classes are free of charge to Intensive Scheme pupils. £2.83 per class for other students (invoiced termly. Not part of the fee scale or discount system)**