

Houghton Regis

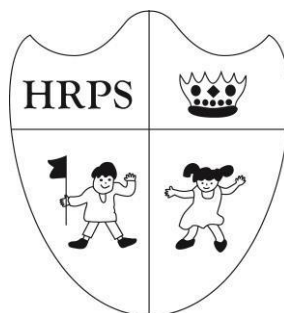
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New Intermediate Ballet Classes at
HRPS for Year 3-5

Dear Parents/Carers of _____

This term we are looking at continuing to offer school ballet lessons for children in Nursery to the current Year 5 cohort. **Your child has the opportunity to be part of the new 'intermediate' ballet class.** This is the top ballet class offered at the current time at our school. Children in this class will require a full ballet outfit. These will be organised by Miss Christina and you will therefore need to provide your child's feet and dress sizes.

The outfits and lessons will be subsidised heavily by the school

Miss Christina has selected the following outfit for the class:

Black leather ballet shoes

Black leotards

Ballet tights

Parents of children in the class will have the opportunity to watch a recital towards the end of term. The children will also work towards ballet exams over the course of the year.

The sessions will be on Tuesday morning between 8:15 and 9:10. Please drop your child to Purple Class at 8:15. For the first couple of weeks, until the outfits are organised, please send the children into school dressed in school PE kit/any leotard of any colour. Once the outfits have arrived, the children should come into school wearing the leotards under sportswear with trainers. That way they will only need to take off tracksuit bottoms and swap trainers for ballet shoes but will be warm enough travelling to school. Please ensure they bring their school uniform in a bag to change into afterwards.

Christina Marks who is a qualified ISTD dance teacher will teach the lessons. Christina has gained a teaching qualification status at the renowned Penny Meekings teacher training college and is passionate about her work developing dance and performance skills with children and young people.

Christina runs Christina Marks School of Dance locally and has provided dance teachers for HRPS for our street dancing classes over the last couple of years. Christina is excited to be leading ballet classes at our school.

The ballet lessons are for both boys and girls and will be heavily subsidised by sports premium funding. The outfits are also being subsidised by the school.

Parents of children in receipt of PPG are able to apply for their child's premium grant to pay for the full cost of both the tuition and the full outfit.

The lessons will run for 11 weeks. Dates are listed below. There may be some additional longer/rehearsal sessions for this group but these will happen during the school day.

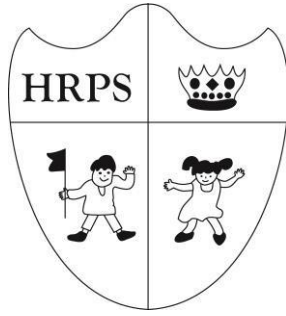
Tuesday, 14 September 2021	Tuesday, 2 November 2021
Tuesday, 21 September 2021	Tuesday, 9 November 2021
Tuesday, 28 September 2021	Tuesday, 16 November 2021
Tuesday, 5 October 2021	Tuesday, 23 November 2021
Tuesday, 12 October 2021	Tuesday, 30 November 2021
Tuesday, 19 October 2021	
Not Tuesday, 26 October 2021	Other dates/sessions will be advised nearer the time.

The charge to parents for this course for the whole term and the outfit will be £32. This is excellent value compared to the costs usually involved in children attending a ballet class with a fully qualified ISTD teacher. The outfits and leather ballet shoes are also included within this cost.

If you would like your child to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, please complete the slip and return to the school office by Friday, 10 September 2021.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Edwards
Headteacher



Dear Mr Edwards

I would like my child _____ in _____ class to take advantage of intermediate ballet lessons with Christina Marks.

I commit to the cost of £33 []

My child is in receipt of pupil premium []

Signed _____ Print Name _____

Dated _____

My child foot size:

My child's approximate leotard size in terms of typical UK age sizes:

- Age 5-6
- Age 6-7
- Age 6-7
- Age 8-9
- Age 9-10
- Age 10-11

(Miss Christina/Miss Waller/Mrs Bonney/Ms Hewer will help to clarify leotard sizes with their knowledge of these. Parents can just provide a good guess.)

