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# Kentish Town C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Issue 2: Thursday 28th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Welcome Acorns and Oak Class Families!

A very warm welcome to our new families in Acorns (Nursery) and Oak (Reception) classes. We all look forward to getting to know you and your children better in the coming weeks. Please feel free to come along to Class Teas on Wednesdays after school and to the Harvest Festival Assembly. These are a lovely way to meet other families and staff.

## Infant (Safari) Playground Update

The work to transform our infant playground is well underway. The work is scheduled to be completed by Friday 6th October. A huge thank you to parents and carers for bearing with us during the building works. As a reminder:

- Ash class must use the outside door for drop off in the morning and for pick up;
- Willow class please use the inside door to drop off in the morning and Willow children must be collected from our school hall at the end of the school day.

The completed playground will be a wonderful play space for our children.

## Secondary Transfer Meeting

I will be holding a **Secondary Transfer Meeting** at 9:05am on Monday 9th October. At the meeting I will talk through the application process, secondary school visits and open events and the time frame for application. **I strongly encourage all parents/carers of children in Y6 to attend.**

## Harvest Festival — Change of Date Thursday 28th September

This is a last call for donations of food or money (payable on ParentPay) to support our local Foodbank.

## Book Bags

Last week I spoke with the children in assembly about the need for each of them to have a Kentish Town CE book bag. The book bags are really important in reinforcing our culture of reading. We are expecting all children to take books home each evening and to read at home, returning the books and the bags each day. The red bags are excellent as they protect the books and are part of our school identity.

## Reading Workshop

On Friday 6th October, there will be a reading workshop in the staffroom for all Cedar, Sycamore, Chestnut and Beech parents and carers. The theme will be how to get your children reading! Our wonderful English lead, Kate will sharing top tips and English Consultant Hilary Horton will also be available for advice as well. Please save the date and come along.

## Class Teas

Our first class tea of the autumn term will be on Wednesday 4th October after school in our school hall. Beech class parents and carers will be hosting the tea but ALL families are welcome to attend and buy some cake! The money raised is given to the host class teacher and s/he will decide what to spend it on (a treat or something extra for the class).

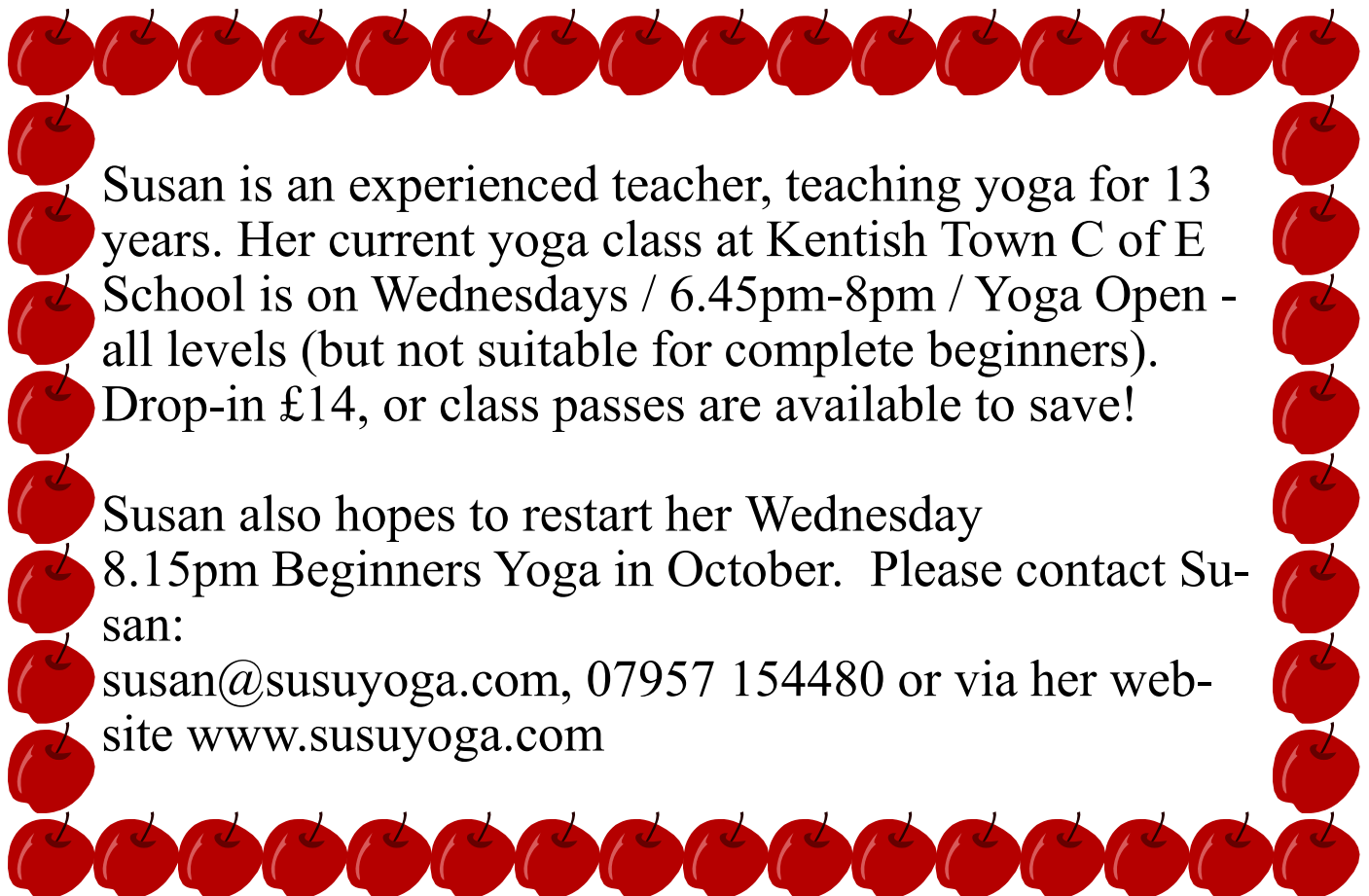
Best wishes,

James Humphries - Headteacher

## Parent Coffee Mornings

Coffee Mornings are workshop sessions for any parent or carers to attend. They are usually held in the staffroom just after 9am when you have dropped your child/ren in class.

- Friday 6th October — How to develop good reading habits in Y5 and Y6: Hilary Horton/Kate Agnew.
- Tuesday 17th October — Phonics with Emily and Ellie.
- Thursday 2nd November—Relationships and Sex education part 2—with Marcia.



Susan is an experienced teacher, teaching yoga for 13 years. Her current yoga class at Kentish Town C of E School is on Wednesdays / 6.45pm-8pm / Yoga Open - all levels (but not suitable for complete beginners). Drop-in £14, or class passes are available to save!

Susan also hopes to restart her Wednesday 8.15pm Beginners Yoga in October. Please contact Susan:

[susan@susuyoga.com](mailto:susan@susuyoga.com), 07957 154480 or via her website [www.susuyoga.com](http://www.susuyoga.com)

**Acland Burghley Dance Department**



# **JUNIOR DANCE \* COMPANY**

**For Primary Students in Years 4, 5 and 6**

**Every Thursday 3.45pm - 4.45pm  
Acland Burghley School  
Audition - Thursday 5th October 2023  
Scan the QR Code to apply**



## **AUDITION DETAILS:**

There will be an audition on **Thursday 5th October 2023** from **3.45pm-4.45pm** in the Dance Block at Acland Burghley School.

### **What do you need to do for the audition?**

Please wear appropriate dance clothing, you will be dancing bare foot.

### **What qualities do you need to audition for Burghley Junior Dance Company?**

- Be in Years 4, 5 or 6. (Age 8-11)
- Enjoy performing, choreographing and working with other dancers.
- Be keen to try out new dance styles.
- Enjoy working as part of a company and have the ability to work well with others.
- Be enthusiastic, punctual, respectful, professional and committed.

### **Our aims of Burghley Junior Dance Company:**

- To have fun, dancing in a group with other dancers of a similar age and make new friends.
- To work with professional choreographers and teachers to produce outstanding performance pieces.
- To improve our performance and choreographic skills and build on our confidence to express ourselves through dance.
- To perform at open evenings, annual dance shows, dance company sharing and any other performance opportunities.

### **What will be the level of commitment required if I become a member of Burghley Youth Dance Company?**

You must be able to attend Thursday classes every week during term time. We realise that people get ill or injured, or may have other unavoidable events. However, if you miss more than one rehearsal you risk losing your place in the company.

Company classes will begin Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**Scan the QR code to register for the audition.**



### MHST Parent Coffee Morning

Friday 13th October, 2023 at 9:10am

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) in partnership with Kentish Town CofE Primary School will be hosting a coffee morning for parents/carers.

The MHST is a school based early intervention service. It provides support to children, young people and families with their emotional wellbeing.

Support in schools includes:

- advice
- sign posting
- consultation
- delivering brief evidence-based interventions for mild – moderate concerns.

Our work takes a whole school approach and endeavours to join with schools in the promotion of a positive ethos and culture surrounding the social, emotional, and mental health of the entire school community.

This will be an opportunity for parents/carers to meet and connect with each other and ask questions about mental health and wellbeing in a relaxed and informal interactive space. MHST practitioners will introduce the MHST services, talk about the support the MHST provides in schools and communities, listen to ideas and suggestions for future coffee morning discussions.

The coffee morning will be held in school and facilitated by MHST Practitioners Angela Mngaza and Shany Gur-Arieh in collaboration with School SENDCo Grant Jacobson.

We look forward to seeing you there!