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What an incredible term, and an even more incredible year for us as we begin to celebrate our 10 years anniversary. Thank you to absolutely everyone who has in some way been involved in Stage Stars this year, including anyone who has come to watch a show, our lovely parents who ferry you all about, and most importantly our amazing children who never fail to impress me with just how brilliant they are! There isn't a huge amount left for me to say, other than we REALLY hope to see all of you at our pantomime production next week, and wish you all the most Merry of Christmas' and a really great start to 2014!

IMPORTANT: Last Session

This is our last taught session for 2013. Next Saturday is still technically a class however due to our pantomime sessions will not run at Notre Dame. All students who pay termly will be able to come and watch the show, as this cost is included in your fees. Those new members who are currently paying weekly can also attend for a cost of £3. At present we do have tickets available so if you wish to come along and accompany your children then additional tickets can be purchased for £7 adults, and £6 for additional children who are not Stage Stars members.

New Members

We are now accepting new members in all our classes. This will last from now until February when we close the classes however spaces are becoming very limited in both groups. We intend to cast the new shows by the end of January so now really is the best time for them to join. If you do have any friend or family that wish to attend please bring them along to a session, we can help them complete enrolment forms whilst here or they can fill these out online.

New Shows

Our next year's Children's Group show is Porridge and the Junior Group is A Ring Of Roses. We can also confirm the dates for next years shows will be as follows, so please keep these weeks free as it is essential students are able to attend each of the rehearsals during show week to be able to take part:

Childrens Groups: 4th – 10th May 2014

Juniors Group: 11th – 17th May 2014

Youth Group: 18th – 24th May 2014

New Network

We are currently installing a new network at Notre Dame to enable us to deliver our sessions in a quicker and more efficient way. The New Server which runs on the latest Microsoft software will allow us to do a number of things, but most importantly will allow students to login and download music from our shows onto their devices. More details on this will follow in the coming weeks.

Student Information

We are updating all our contact details for you, especially the emergency contact details. This will also allow us to keep better track of attendance, and reward students with our new reward system. Please can we ask you return the update form to us ASAP as students will not be present on our new system until this has been done.

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Stage Stars ME

The site is currently being updated and we will be putting the back tracks and vocal tracks for the three new shows on there in November. Remember Stage Stars ME is a free service for our members, and exclusively available to them by visiting www.stagestars.me

Pantomime Tickets

The tickets for this year's pantomime are now on sale. These can be purchased from our front desk at every session or www.etikit.co.uk online any day or time. There are a massive number of you involved in the show, and we would love to have some very big audience to enjoy, what is often described, as the funniest pantomime in the South West.

DVD

DVDs for Splash, A Little Princess and Mrs Leaf are still on sale from the front desk and can be ordered directly from here. They cost just £10 each.

10 Years DVD

The DVD for our '10 Years of Magic' show is also now available and is a lovely watch, including a very special audio commentary with the staff. Again the cost is just £10 and these can be purchased and ordered from the front desk.

New This Is Us DVD

We are updating our prospectus DVD to celebrate our 10 Years so there will be a number of cameras around the site over the next few weeks to capture all our sessions. We will share with you the link once this has been completed so you can see all the amazing things our students get up to, and why we have continued to grow over the last 10 years.

New Term Start Date and Fees

We will start again, after our Christmas break, on Saturday 11th January at the same times. Please remember fees will be due on this Saturday. After consultation it has been agreed that we are going to delay our £10 top-up fee for those attending both classes on a Saturday until September 2014 when this will begin. We are however from January bringing in a late payment fee for those who do not pay within the first two weeks as we are beginning to incur extra charges for paying this money in late and to cover the additional time it takes to chase missing payments. The late payment fee will be £5. Therefore, for the 7th year fees will remain at £40 per term, or £22.50 if paying half termly.

Once again we wish you a very Merry Christmas and hope you enjoy your festive break. We look forward to welcoming you to next week's pantomime, and seeing you back at Stage Stars on 11th of January to start preparing for our 10 Years of Magic show season in May!

Scott, Sophie, Joe, Becky and Jess