



... FOR THE LOVE OF DANCE!

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3
2012

Term Dates
3.01.12 to 11.02.12

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas and are looking forward to a new and exciting term!

There are lots of important dates and information regarding exams so please read this carefully.

We are also delighted to announce details of this years show!!! See below.

Best wishes for an exciting New Year.

Miss Beccy & Miss Wendy

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

The start of a new year is the perfect time for us to reiterate correct ballet uniform and etiquette.

No jewellery is to be worn in class except small stud ear-rings. All hair **must** be up and off the face including pre-school and pre-primaries. From Grade 1 upwards hair should be in a neat bun using a bun net and pins.

Uniform **must** be worn including pre-school and pre-primary children. Once your child is signed up for a full term's classes uniform should be purchased and worn for all classes.

Can you please ensure that all uniform is clearly named so we can reunite lost property with it's owner. Please also be aware that at the end of each term any left-over property will be donated to a charity shop.

SHOW NEWS!!!!

After the students ballet exams at the end of January we will be starting to think about our next show. We will be working towards a production of *Oz*. We are currently intending to hold this in the Wyvern Theatre in Swindon and to have just 2 performances; 1 matinee and 1 evening. This is provisionally booked for Saturday 7th July.

We are now looking for volunteers who would be willing to support us in the putting together of the show and also for members of our show committee where we would ask you to attend 1 monthly meeting to help us to organise a smooth running performance and production.



IMPORTANT EXAM INFORMATION

A reminder that there are 2 more exam lessons in January.

Sat 7th Jan: Pre-Primary
Sun 8th Jan: Pre-Primary - Grade 7

Sat 14th Jan: Pre-Primary
Sun 15th Jan: Pre-Primary - Grade 7

Mock Exams will be held on Sun 22nd Jan: Times will be released as soon as possible.

If your child's exam is scheduled on a Saturday when they normally have their class parents have the right to make up this class at any other point during the term to ensure you do not miss out.

Your child's exam date and time will be released following confirmation from the RAD.

All children taking their exam will need a brand new pair of ballet shoes - we will be ordering these in January and should be ready in time for their exams.



Congratulations We would like to give a massive congratulations to all of our festival competitors who performed in Bristol in October half term. They all did fantastically! A special mention to our medal winners:

Corey MacDonald: Gold Medal & cup for 'Most Promising Boy'

Isla Petty-Fitzmaurice: Gold Medal and the cup for 'Highest Mark in the Baby Class'

Aimee Larkins & Tara Morris: Gold Medal for their classical duet

Rosie Rudd: Bronze Medal in Improvisation

Libby Langford: Bronze Medal for Classical solo

Ellie Sheppard: 3rd place for Lyrical solo

Private ballet lessons are available at a cost of £20 per hour or £50 for a set of three.

On 4th, 5th & 6th January, Miss Beccy & Miss Wendy are away on a teaching course in London learning the new Grades 1,2 and 3 syllabi. We have organised cover for all of the classes and apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Please be aware that after the children take their ballet exams they will be moving up to the next grade and this may mean a change of uniform. Any children moving in to Grades 1, 2 and 3 will be learning a brand new syllabus and therefore a brand new uniform which has not been released yet. Please bear with us during this intermediary period.

February Half Term Competitions

All students who are participating in these competitions should please make every effort to attend the competition class held on a Monday from 5.30pm - 7pm. We will use this opportunity to assess the standard of their dances and determine whether they need any additional private lessons on their dances.

Please keep your eye on the notice board in Studio 1, some of you have moved up an age category and will therefore need a brand new solo. Please ensure you sign up your child for private lessons to learn and complete their new dances.

FEES

We are increasingly concerned with the amount of time spent chasing payment of fees. Please ensure you have paid your fees before the end of the first week of term. **We will be enforcing a late payment fee of £5.00** on any fees left unpaid by the third of week of term.

We accept cash, cheques, credit and debit cards.

PAYMENT PLANS

Following on from our price increase in October we have also had to amend the prices of our payment plan.

As of February 2012 the payment plan prices will incur a small increase as shown below:

Payment Plan 4 - 6 classes currently set at £75.00 will increase to £82.50 per month

Payment Plan 7+ classes currently set at £95.00 will increase to £104.50 per month



PARTIES & STUDIO HIRE

Don't forget, we offer children's parties at fantastic rates.

The studio space is also available for private hire. Please contact us for availability and costs.

Useful numbers: Miss Beccy 07540 707022 - Miss Wendy 07590 927813