

## LOWER SCHOOL

# SUMMER TERM 2018 INVOICE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent / Guardian or Student,

Firstly, some congratulations are in order; Ruben Garcia has successfully auditioned for the part of Tommy in "Matilda" the musical in the West End and has been busy in rehearsals ready to open at the end of the month. Lara Ricard, Olivia Nollet and Flora Lambrette have been selected to be a part of English Youth Ballet's production of Swan Lake at the New Wimbledon Theatre in August. Lastly, well done to all those who recently successfully auditioned for Daisy and Dukes agency, we hope you have lots of success going forward.

Please read the information below regarding your / your child's classes in the summer term . . .

## Invoices for Summer Term 2018

You will find attached your invoice for dance classes at SLDS next term (summer term 2018):

**Your invoice is your first notification of the appropriate class(es) for you for next term (summer term 2018 starting in April), so please read it carefully as the class time and / or day might be different to current, also ensure you check the invoice notes section for any further information.**

Please ensure payment is made on or before the last day of this term which is **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**. If payment is not made on time, you may lose your space and / or an administration fee will be added to your account. Payment can be made via BACS, cheque or cash.

If you have a query about your invoice, please contact me immediately but please be patient in waiting for me to get back to your telephone call or email as I am extremely busy at this point in the term. However, if you do not hear back from me after 5 days or before the end of term (whichever is sooner), please do contact me again to make sure I have received your email.

Please note; it is now too late to give notice of leaving the school at the end of this term or to request to change classes next term as notice was required on or before **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February** (the last day of the first half of term) as per SLDS Terms and Conditions, clauses 11-14, "Cancellation and Amendment". **If you would like a copy of the school brochure with our Terms and Conditions included as well as further useful information, please contact us.**

Please retain a copy of attached invoice so that when next term starts, you know which class(es) you have signed up for. At the start of each term we usually receive unmanageable numbers of telephone calls and emails asking which class(es) a student has signed up for and it is simply not possible for us to get back to everyone.

## **ANSWERS TO SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS RE: LOWER SCHOOL CHILDREN MOVING UP TO THE NEXT LEVEL:**

### **Children moving into Nursery 2 dance from Nursery 1 dance**

Please note that this is a move up to the next level and children develop their dance skills as well as their strength, flexibility, ability to follow instructions and focus.

### **Children moving into Preparatory Dance & Tap from Nursery 2 dance:**

Children who have progressed from the Nursery 2 dance will now be starting Preparatory dance and tap class (if you are unsure if this applies to your child then please refer to the class listed on your invoice). Preparatory dance and tap builds on the ballet-based dance skills learnt in Nursery dance and also includes an introduction to tap dancing. This means the class is now 60 minutes, rather than 45 minutes.

### **Children moving into Pre-Primary 1 (I) from Preparatory Dance & Tap:**

If your child has moved from Preparatory dance and tap to the first Pre-Primary set of classes, which for Saturday children will include modern dance, then you will receive a separate email from me about these classes within a few days of the invoices going out. Please get in touch if you do not receive this email. A "what is modern" dance demonstration will be given in class this week w/c 12<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Children who have breaks between classes:**

- Any child with a break on a Saturday 4.30-4.45pm will be supervised by a teaching assistant. The 15 min breaks for the red and magenta sets of classes will also be supervised by a teaching assistant. Any other break on a Saturday will not be supervised.
- No breaks during the week will be supervised. Therefore, if your child does not have a consent slip in place by the start of next term, you will need to collect your child between classes.

## **Reminder of term dates**

### **NEXT TERM - SUMMER TERM 2018 DATES (12 weeks)**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

*Half term - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June*

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

*NOTE - classes ARE taking place on bank holiday Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May*

Parents watching week - week 5 - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May inc EXCEPT \*\*\* (*see below*)

Summer term feedback day - TBC

Acting classes - 29<sup>th</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> May, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup> July - dress rehearsal at studios

Acting classes play rehearsal in theatre and performance - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July TBC on venue

### **AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK - AUTUMN TERM 2018 DATES (12 weeks)**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

*Half term - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November (2 weeks but 3 Sunday's)*

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Autumn term feedback day - TBC

Acting class dates - TBC

Sunday examination practises - 30<sup>th</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Provisional examination dates - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December

# Another new adult beginner tap class starting next term!

We had such demand for our beginner's adult tap class which started in January and has had rave reviews (!) that we plan to start another beginners class next term. The class will be on a **Monday evening 8.30-9.30pm**.

The main aspects of our adult tap classes are doing some exercise whilst having fun and meeting new people. In our beginners tap classes, basic tap technique and steps are taught and put together in sequences to various different types of music. Rhythm and coordination improve as well as physical stamina and control.

If you're interested, email [jen@southlondondancestudios.co.uk](mailto:jen@southlondondancestudios.co.uk) asap to book your place.

## Spring Term 2018 feedback day - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March

### TEACHERS AVAILABLE:

**Miss Emma** - 9.00am-12.00pm

**Miss Georgina** - 9.00-11.00am

**Miss Taylor** - 9.00-10.15am

**Miss Chloe** - 10.15am-12.00pm

**Miss Ellie** - 10.45am-12.45pm

**Miss Maya** - 11.00am-12.00pm

**Miss Jemima** - 12.15-1.15pm

### OTHER DATES AVAILABLE:

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** - Mr Donald - 4.20-5.20pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March** - Miss Katie - 6.00-7.00pm

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - Miss Zoe - 7.45-8.45pm

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March** - Miss Pippa - 4.00-5.00pm

**The sheet to sign up for feedback day is now up on the waiting room noticeboard.**

- **PLEASE PUT THE NAME OF YOUR CHILD NOT YOUR NAME AND PLEASE ONLY SIGN UP FOR ONE SLOT PER CHILD EVEN IF YOUR CHILD HAS MORE THAN ONE TEACHER.**
- Please make sure you make a note of which slot you have signed up for, and remember to attend otherwise it's a waste of teachers time and may mean another parent needlessly misses out.
- Feedback day slots are not available to those children who will not be attending the school next term except in exceptional circumstances. Please contact me if you wish to be considered.
- As feedback places are limited and booked on a first come first served basis, if it is very important to you that you obtain a feedback slot, you should ensure that you visit the studios as soon as possible as the signup sheets have already gone up and we cannot accept bookings for the 'in person' feedback sessions via email or telephone. We cannot be held responsible when parents/ guardians leave until well after the sheet has been put up and then find it is full. So, it may mean that you need to come to the studios in order to sign up on a day you do not normally come to classes.
- Once all of the feedback slots are taken, we will not be in a position to supply any additional slots. We are also unable to assist with any feedback request after feedback day, nor provide feedback from the teachers in attendance on feedback day at any other time. However, rest assured that if there were any issue regarding your child that their teacher felt they needed to discuss with you, we would get in touch.
- If you require feedback from any teacher who is *not* offering a feedback session this term, then you should contact the relevant upper or lower school administrator by email **WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH** to enable the office to assist with your

request. However, please note that we do not provide feedback sessions with our National, Gymnastics and commercial / street teachers.

- To sign up, you will need to know the name(s) of your child's teacher(s); if you do not know the name of your child's teacher then please ask them / the teaching assistant when you collect your child rather than emailing the office.
- If any slots are booked and parents / guardians do not attend and do not have a good reason for this, in consideration of other parents / guardians who require feedback slots, those parents / guardians will not be offered the opportunity to attend feedback days in future. Parents / guardians who booked a slot and did not attend feedback day last term (**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**) and did not contact the office to let us know in advance, should NOT sign up for this feedback day - if they wish to obtain feedback they should email the relevant administrator to discuss the situation.
- Please consider that teachers kindly give up their time once a term to provide this service for parents / guardians. This facility is not covered by the fees for classes and administration so it is not a 'deserved right' of parents / guardians to be able to obtain a feedback slot. We hope you support and appreciate this exceptional service which sets SLDS apart from the majority of other dance schools.

## Invitation to watch classes next term

The teachers very much look forward to seeing all the parents / guardians of children in Nursery 1 dance and levels above when they are invited to watch classes from **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May**, EXCEPT the date for watching the Saturday Grade 1 modern (II) class (4.45-5.30pm) and Saturday Primary ballet & National classes (5.30-6.45pm) will instead be on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June**.

We hope many parents / guardians can attend in order to see the progress their child has made over the past few terms.

Regarding watching classes, please note:

- We invite parents / guardians to view their child's class(es) once a year so that they can see how their child is progressing.
- Please bear in mind that the open classes are not performances; we invite you to watch a normal class to observe development and progress.
- Parents, guardians, grandparents, siblings, friends & nanny's etc are welcome to attend but please be mindful that the children need some space in which to dance!
- Please consider that some children in the class may be shy or nervous of dancing in front of an audience.
- Due to above two points please try to bring a maximum of 3-4 audience members per child to watch.
- **No children under the age of 4 will be allowed into the studio to watch and no exceptions will be made to this policy which is in the best interests of the children in the classes. This includes tiny babies as it cannot be guaranteed that they will stay asleep for the duration of the class!**
- **Please only bring other children with you to watch the class if they are capable of sitting still for the duration, without an electronic game, book, food etc, i.e. they would have to actually watch the class without distracting the children dancing!**
- You will be permitted to film the class and show it to siblings, friends and other family members who are not able / eligible to attend. Photograph's may also be taken.
- We do not invite an audience to any of our Melody Movement classes.

Unfortunately, if you are not able to watch during the dates offered, we are unable to offer an alternative date. We realise this might be disappointing for some parents / guardians but it is necessary for us to restrict viewings to one week each academic year.

## SLDS play performance - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Our acting classes will be presenting two short plays on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July (6pm)** with the theme of folk and fairy tales. The plays will be performed at the brand-new Streatham Space Project - <https://www.streathamspaceproject.co.uk/>. We are very excited to be

using this new venue for our first ever plays to be performed! We very much hope that many of you will be able to come and watch to show your support. Information about tickets will be released nearer the time, so please keep this date free!

## Lost Property

The uniform and non-uniform lost property buckets in the waiting room will be emptied (for charity shop / second hand uniform sales) during the Easter break. So, if you think you may have lost anything at the studios, please ensure you collect it before the end of term.

## Sweater ordering information

Our fantastic school sweaters come in a choice of TWO colours - pink/white and black/grey. If you would like to order one, please download the [Sweater Order Form](#) from our website:

<http://southlondondancestudios.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/SLDS-SWEATER-ORDER-FORM.pdf>

Please place your completed form in an envelope marked 'sweater order' and enclose payment (exact cash only please as we cannot give change). Please put your envelope through the secure office letterbox.

**We have to receive a minimum of 50 forms before we can place a new order with the supplier, so please bear in mind that there may be a significant wait before the sweaters arrive. However, the sooner you order, the sooner we can reach 50 and get the ball rolling.**

## Spring term second hand uniform sale

The next sale will be on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 10.30am-1.30pm** in the waiting room and we hope many parents / guardians will attend. If you wish to sell items, please refer to the link below, or use the forms available in the waiting room:

<http://southlondondancestudios.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Secondhand-uniform-sale-document-271117.pdf>

If you have items to sell, please place them in a bag labelled for the school uniform sale (with selling tickets attached if you wish to take some of the profit) in the boys changing room before the end of this term (or call the office to check opening times during the Easter holiday).

100% of the profit from any donated items will be given to Demelza House alternatively you can choose to split the profit 50/50 between yourself and the charity. Please email Ros at [sldsuniformsale@yahoo.com](mailto:sldsuniformsale@yahoo.com) if you have any queries.

## Staff changes for next term

We are so sad to tell you that Miss Carla will be moving on from SLDS at the end of this term as she wants to work closer to her home and focus on dance teaching. We want to thank her for the exceptional level of effort and hard work she has put into running our large examination sessions over the last few years. We are also saying goodbye to Miss Ellie who is one of our Saturday teachers and who the children will greatly miss. We wish them both the best of luck in everything they do. Also, a reminder that Miss Caroline will be leaving at the end of this term to have her baby and we wish her much happiness.

## Girls changing room

We have had a few reports recently of items disappearing from bags in the girls changing room. Please can we ask that the children are respectful of other people's property and not take things that don't belong to them. Also, parents / guardians, please be vigilant about what your child is bringing home with them in case they have accidentally picked up something that isn't theirs.

Where possible, please do not bring any valuables with you to the studios as SLDS accepts no responsibility for loss or damage of personal belongings or property whilst on the Studio Premises. Any valuables that do have to be brought with you / your child to the studios, should be brought into the studio during the lesson.

Also, please be considerate of others when using hairspray / deodorant in the changing room as some children are allergic to these sprays. Thank you.

## Promotional Flyers for the School

This week, we will be giving out two South London Dance School flyers to each child in class. Please can we ask for your support and cooperation in displaying them to help advertise the school. Thank you very much!

## Finally.

To say Happy Easter, at the end of this term we will be giving little chocolate eggs which may contain nuts to all of the children in Prep dance & tap and levels above. If you don't want your child to receive an egg for dietary/allergy reasons please let the office know.

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I am not in office Thursday and Sunday  
My Saturday office hours are 9:00am-2:00pm during term time.