

## NEWSLETTER FOR SPRING TERM INVOICES - 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2018 UPPER SCHOOL

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Firstly, I am very pleased to announce that the SLDS festival team have had some great results during October with lots of our students gaining qualifying marks to perform in the prestigious All England Dance South East Regional Finals to be held in May next year. Well done! Also, we would like to congratulate South London Dance School alumni Natasha Chu on her role in Sir Matthew Bourne's world premiere tour of Romeo and Juliet. Tasha was at SLDS from the age of six and at sixteen she went on to train at Central School of Ballet. What a fantastic first professional job it will be for her, being a part of New Adventures contemporary dance company.

Secondly, have you checked out our Instagram @south\_london\_dance\_school or Facebook [www.facebook.com/southlondondanceschool](http://www.facebook.com/southlondondanceschool) lately as we have wonderful videos on there with some of our students interviewing the famous ballerina Misty Copeland who stars in 'The Nutcracker and The Four Realms'! They will certainly make you smile 😊

We would also like to take this opportunity to introduce our fantastic new acro / gym skills teacher! Please welcome Adrià Juárez into the SLDS teaching staff. He has extensive experience in practicing and teaching dance and acrobatics in Barcelona and also competing in many European competitions. He is already bringing into the studio his passion and enthusiasm for progressing technique and skills.

### Invoices for spring term 2019

You will find attached your invoice for dance classes at SLDS next term (spring term 2019).

**Your invoice is your first notification of the appropriate class(es) for you for next term (spring term 2019 starting in January), 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 **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. 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. Cash payments must be in a sealed envelope with student's name written on the front for the exact amount invoiced as no change will be given.

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.

Unfortunately, we are not able to provide confirmation of having received your payment, so we suggest you check your bank statement if you have paid by BACS to ensure the payment has successfully reached our account, and likewise, if you have paid by cheque, check your bank statement a few weeks after the payment deadline to ensure it has been cashed by us.

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 20<sup>th</sup> October**. Therefore, the full fees as detailed on your invoice are payable for next 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.

## Children who have breaks between classes

The 15 min supervised breaks taking place in the dance studios on a Saturday will be supervised by a teaching assistant. We are also able to supervise the 15 min break on a Saturday from 5.45-6.00pm for those children doing Pre-Primary 2 ballet (IIa) and Grade 1 modern (II). **Any other breaks on a weekday or Saturday will not be supervised so if your child does not have a consent slip then you will need to collect and look after them in their break.**

## Future performance opportunities for your child

We have some exciting news regarding future performance opportunities for your child which we hope you will be pleased about! Please look for an email during the next week from Ros, [slsperformances@gmail.com](mailto:slsperformances@gmail.com) and please use this email address for any future communications about shows.

## Diary dates

### **AUTUMN TERM 2018 ends on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Autumn term feedback day - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December - 12.30-2.30pm

Children's party - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December - 3.00-5.00pm

Adult's party - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December - 6.00pm onwards

### **SPRING TERM 2019 DATES (12 weeks)**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

*Half term - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February*

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

Second hand uniform sale - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am-1.30pm

Spring term feedback day - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 10am - 1pm

Acting class dates - Sundays 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> January, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March

Class observation week for Nursery, Preparatory and Pre-Primary 1 (I) classes only - w/c 25<sup>th</sup> March

### **SUMMER TERM 2019 DATES (12 weeks)**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** (*classes will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May*)

*Half term - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May*

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Summer term feedback day - TBC

Acting class dates - TBC

Class observation week for Pre-Primary 1 ballet (II), Pre-Primary tap (II) & Primary modern (II) plus - 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May, Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June & Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Class observation week for Nursery, Preparatory and Pre-Primary 1 (I) classes only - w/c 1<sup>st</sup> July

Examination dates - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> July - TBC

## **Children's Christmas party**

The children's Christmas Party sign-up sheet is now pinned to the notice board in the waiting room. All SLDS students who are in Nursery 1 and above are invited to attend and children will be split into age appropriate groups for games etc. Father Christmas will be visiting the youngest group!

Please write your child's name on the sign-up sheet and note what food / drink you would like to bring to share (all food will need to be nut free please).

Parents / guardians will not come into the party with their child but we do need parent helpers before, during and after the party, so please add your name to the parent helper sheet on the notice board.

## **New electric gate**

To enhance security at the studios we have recently installed an electric gate at the rear of the dance school. If you usually enter through the back door please do ask the teachers for the gate code. Please make sure you do not touch the gate as you are walking through as it will stop working.

## **West End Dance Workshops**

We are very pleased to let you know we that we plan to hold two exciting workshops next term, which will take place on Sundays for children in Primary ballet and/or Grade 1 modern upwards. One will be Musical Theatre based and the other will be a Contemporary/story telling workshop led by professional dancers who have performed in the West End. Dates and times are to be arranged. We realise that some children were disappointed that the Presentation of Class Work was cancelled therefore we thought this would be a nice opportunity for them.

# Opportunity to perform - Dulwich Park Fair

We will be asking all students who attend commercial / street classes to perform on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May**, so please put this date in your diary. This is a great opportunity for your child to perform and there will be no additional rehearsals involved. Please do let me know asap if you know your child will not be available on this date and therefore will not be able to represent the school. Nearer the time we will be asking parents to source some very basic and inexpensive costumes nearer the time.

## Feedback Day

Please see below for feedback opportunities this term:

### SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

**Miss Chloe** - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 12.30-2.30pm

**Miss Jemima** - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 12.30-2.30pm

**Miss Emma** - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1.30-2.30pm

**Miss Zoe** - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1.30-2.30pm (if you wish to meet Miss Zoe but she does not teach your child then please email me at least 3 days beforehand so that I can let her know the nature of your enquiry)

### OTHER DATES

**Miss Taylor** - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 6.30-7.30pm

**Miss Ellie** - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 4.30-5.30pm

The sheet on which to sign up to see a teacher will be placed on the notice board in the waiting room on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**.

- **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 the slot for which you have signed up 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 are leaving the school but wish to ask for feedback.
- 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 the sign-up sheet is put up in order to sign up as we cannot accept bookings for the 'in person' feedback sessions via email or telephone. This 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 before **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** to enable the office to assist with your request. However, please note that we do not provide feedback sessions with our 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 refer to the list next to the sign-up sheet in the waiting room rather than emailing the office. Please remember that you may only sign up to see one of your child's teachers each term.

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> July**) 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 me 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.

## Spring Term Second Hand Uniform Sale

The next sale will be on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am-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:

<https://southlondondancestudios.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Secondhand-uniform-sale.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 holiday period).

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.

## 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 Christmas holiday. So, if you think you may have lost anything at the studios, please ensure you collect it before the end of term.

Thank you for reading, we wish you an enjoyable rest of autumn term and (it seems a bit early for this, but) a very Merry Christmas!

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