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Upper School Invoice Newsletter - 26th June 2019

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We hope you are enjoying the second half of summer term, not long to go now! Due to the warmer weather please make sure your child brings a bottle of water with them into all classes. We wish those students taking ISTD examinations next week the very best of luck, go in there and enjoy it!

We are delighted to announce that Lula and Ruben Garcia were successful in winning places to perform in the prestigious All England Dance National finals that are to be held Friday 26th July - 3rd August at Wycombe Swan Theatre in High Wycombe. If you would like to come and watch they will be performing over the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Good luck to you both!

Invoices for autumn term 2019

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

Your invoice is your first notification of the appropriate class(es) for you for next term (autumn term 2019 starting in September), 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 **Monday 22nd July**. 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 1st June**. 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 5.30-5.45pm between Primary National and Primary ballet (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. For example, those children in Saturday 4.15-5.00pm Primary tap and then 5.30-6.15pm Grade 1 modern (II) will need to be collected by their parents for the 30 min break. And those children in Wednesday Primary tap and Grade 1 modern (II) will need to be collected by their parents for their 15 min break. We suggest that it may be worthwhile the parents getting together to organise a rota so that all parents don't need to collect and wait every week.

If your child is aged 8 or over and you have noticed that they have a break between their classes please get in touch with me on sldsupperschool@gmail.com as you may wish for them to have a consent form to leave the class.

Summer term feedback opportunities and end of year reports

Please see below for this term's opportunity to receive feedback from your child's teacher:

Mr Tony - **Monday 1st July - 6.15-7.15pm**

Miss Pippa - **Tuesday 2nd July - 4.30-5.30pm**

Miss Leah - **Tuesday 2nd July - 6.00-7.00pm**

Miss Ellie - **Friday 5th July - 5.30-7.00pm** (this date has been altered since the previous newsletter - please let me know if this change causes a problem for anyone)

Sunday 14th July

Miss Emma - **12.15-2.15pm** (if you wish to meet Miss Emma as Acting Principal but she does not teach your child then please email me, at least 3 days before this date so that I can let her know the nature of your enquiry) (please note the time has changed slightly since the previous newsletter - please let me know if this change causes a problem for anyone)

Miss Chloe - **10.00-11.00am**

Miss Jennifer - **10.00-12.00pm**

Miss Natasha - **1.00-2.00pm**

Miss Neasa - **10.00-11.00am**

Miss Grace - **11.00-12.00pm**

The sheet to sign up to see your child's teacher is on the notice board in the waiting room. When you come to sign up for feedback day, you will see a list of all lower school classes including teacher's names on the notice board in the waiting room.

- **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 signup 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.
- 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 17th / 24th March**) 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.

Annual progress reports are provided at the end of each summer term to children in ballet grades Primary (II) and above, and children in tap & modern Grade 1 and above. Some parents / guardians may feel that receiving this informative report will be sufficient and therefore they do not need to attend a feedback session with their child's teacher thus easing pressure on feedback day slots and opening up more slots for parents of our younger students who will not receive end of year reports. We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

SLDS Show July 2020

Thank you to all of those who have already handed in their forms. Please note that all children who will be in preparatory dance and tap and levels above this September are invited to take part. This will include most of our students who were born on or before 31st August 2016. This also includes Junior Funky moves. The deadline to apply for the show is this Sunday 30th June, we look forward to receiving more forms before then! We really hope that as many students as possible will be able to take part in such a wonderful experience.

Class availability for next term

ADULT CLASSES

I would like to let you know that we have a few spaces left in two of our adult tap classes:

Adult Tap (I) which takes place **Thursday 8.45-9.45pm**. This class is suitable for those with basic experience in tap dancing. Tap technique and fundamental steps are practised and put together in sequences to various different types of music. Rhythm and coordination are improved as well as physical stamina and control.

Adult Tap (III) which takes place **Thursday 9.00-10.00pm**. Suitable for those with over 2 years tap dance experience as an adult or of grade 4 to 5 standard. Higher level technique and more complex choreography is worked on in a fun environment.

Please contact my colleague Verena on sldsadultclasses@gmail.com if you are interested in joining either of these classes.

ACTING CLASSES

We have a few spaces left in our Sunday acting classes next term:

4.30-5.45pm - Acting (II) for children aged 7-9 years (£74.00 for the 6 lessons next term)

5.45-7.15pm - Acting (III) for children aged 10 plus (£88.00 for the 6 lessons next term)

Acting (II) and (III) - Sunday 15th, 22nd & 29th September and 10th, 17th November and 1st December

The fortnightly acting classes at South London Dance School focus on the requirements for children wanting to audition for and work in TV, film and theatre. Key skills are taught in a fun and confidence building environment including: listening and reacting to others (the main skill in acting!), improvisation, becoming a character, text work (monologues, duologues and group pieces), voice production and accent training.

Children who attend our acting classes can sometimes be invited by the Principal to audition for West End shows as well as for representation by one of the top London children's performing arts agencies. As most auditions require acting skills, we only consider putting forward to audition our students who attend our fortnightly acting classes. Children who are accepted into the agency will have the opportunity to audition for professional acting (including theatre, TV and film), singing, dancing and musical theatre work (including West End work). So, if your child is keen to be considered for the agency audition, he / she will need to be a part of our acting classes.

Please contact me at sldsupperschool@gmail.com if you would like to enrol your child for autumn term.

GYMNASTICS CLASSES

There are still a few spaces available in our **Friday Gym skills classes 4.15-5.00pm** and **5.00-6.00pm**. These classes aim to develop flexibility, strength and master gymnastic skills which can be used in dance routines. Please contact me on sldsupperschool@gmail.com if you would like further information.

Reminder - auditioning / taking classes with another dance organisation

Please note the following from our school terms and conditions:

Students at SLDS may not audition for nor attend another dance school (including CAT schemes and Associate classes) unless prior written permission has been granted by the Principal.

The reason we have this rule in place is so that children have consistency in their dance training. Also, so that potential timing clashes between classes can be discussed and understood in advance of acceptance onto any training scheme.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, or in future you find that you would like your child to attend additional dance training outside SLDS, then please email me before applying to audition.

Diary Dates

SUMMER TERM 2019 DATES (12 weeks)

Saturday 1st June - Monday 22nd July

Summer term feedback day - see dates above

Acting class dates - 12th May, 19th May, 9th June, 23rd June, 30th June, 7th July

Class observation week for Nursery, Preparatory, Pre-Primary 1 (I) (yellow, green and dark blue sets and Mon 4.00-5.30pm Miss Emma's classes) and Junior Funky Moves classes only - w/c Monday 1st July

Examination dates - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 7th July

Summer School - 5th - 9th August

AUTUMN TERM 2019 DATES (12 weeks)

Saturday 7th September - Friday 18th October

Half term - Saturday 19th October to Saturday 2nd November (2 weeks off but 3 Saturdays off)

Monday 4th November - Saturday 14th December

Class observation week for Nursery, Preparatory, Pre-Primary 1 (I) and Junior Funky Moves classes only - w/c Monday 2nd Dec

Autumn term feedback day - TBC

Acting (I) class 3.30-4.30 - dates - 15th, 22nd & 29th Sept and 10th, 17th and 24th Nov

Acting (II) class 4.30-5.45 and Acting (III) class 5.45-7.15 - dates - 15th, 22nd & 29th Sept, 10th, 17th Nov and 1st Dec

SPRING TERM 2020 DATES (12 weeks)

Monday 6th January - Saturday 15th February

Half term - Sunday 16th February to Sunday 23rd February

Monday 24th February - Saturday 4th April

Class observation week for Pre-Primary 1 ballet (II), Pre-Primary tap (II) & Primary modern (II) plus *(please note; from 2020, this week will be in spring term, not summer term as it has been previously)* - w/c Monday 3rd February

Class observation week for Nursery, Preparatory, Pre-Primary 1 (I) and Junior Funky Moves classes only - w/c Monday 23rd March

Spring term feedback day - TBC

Acting class dates - TBC

Proposed examination dates - Sunday 22nd - Friday 27th March (all dates TBC)

SUMMER TERM 2020 DATES (12 weeks)

Saturday 18th April - Friday 22nd May (5 weeks)

Half term Saturday 23rd - Friday 29th May

Saturday 30th May - Saturday 18th July

THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES ON SATURDAY 4TH JULY DUE TO SHOW REHEARSALS IN THEATRE

Class observation week for children in Nursery only *(parents / guardians of children in Preparatory, Pre-Primary 1 (I) and Junior Funky Moves classes will NOT be invited to watch classes during this term as the children will have the opportunity to perform in the school show in July)* - w/c Saturday 11th July

Summer term feedback day - TBC

Acting class dates - TBC

Show rehearsals - Sunday 21st June, Sunday 28th June & Saturday 4th July

Show performances at Bromley Churchill Theatre - Sunday 5th July (performance times 2pm and 6.30pm)

Summer School - TBC

We hope you have an enjoyable rest the summer term

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