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## Lower School Invoice Newsletter

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We would like to start with the wonderful news that Yasmin Budd, one of our ballet students, has thoroughly enjoyed her time performing with London Children's Ballet touring company, please see our social media for photos of her in action! Also, we wish Olivia Nollet the best of luck as she begins rehearsals for the London Children's Ballet main company who will perform 'Anne of Green Gables' at the Peacock Theatre in June.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of upcoming important dates and information for the remainder of the spring term, so please do take the time to read the relevant sections on the next few pages. . . . .

## Invoices for summer term 2020

You will find attached your invoice for dance classes at SLDS next term (summer term 2020).

**Your invoice is your first notification of the appropriate class(es) for your child for next term (summer term 2020 starting after Easter), so please read it carefully. Please 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 **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**. 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 **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February**. 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 the 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.

## Further Information for Nursery children

**Nursery 1 dance:** If your child is currently in Nursery 1 dance, their invoice for summer term will state Nursery 2 dance. This is correct as they are moving up to the next level next term. However, the class time, studio, fee and uniform remain the same. In Nursery 2 dance, children continue to develop the skills they have started to learn in Nursery 1 dance and you can read more about this on our website - <https://southlondondancestudios.co.uk/classes/nursery-dance-classes/>

**Nursery 2 dance:** As mentioned in our previous newsletter, if your child is currently in Nursery 2 dance, their invoice for summer term will state Preparatory dance and tap 9.05-10.05am. Their uniform will stay the same, however your child will need to get tap shoes. Please see the information document that was sent to you on 29<sup>th</sup> January for further information about tap shoes for this level, or you can ask at Duo Dance in Herne Hill. Also, please note that the second-hand uniform sale will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April (the second Saturday of classes next term) so you may wish to wait and purchase tap shoes then (if you decide to do this, then please send your child with some clean hard soled shoes to wear for the tap section of their first lesson next term).

## Staff news

As you are already aware, Katarina began working alongside Verena taking care of the lower school and adult students from January this year and has fitted into our team very well. Sadly, Verena has now left SLDS as she plans to focus her time more on working within the theatre which is where her passion/background lies. We all wish her the best of luck with her future and will certainly miss her bright personality in the office.

We would like to congratulate one of our teaching staff, Miss Michelle who has recently passed her higher level ISTD (Licentiate) tap dance teaching examination. Passing this challenging examination is the next stage towards becoming a dance examiner which is one of Miss Michelle's ambitions, so this is fantastic news. Well done Miss Michelle!

## Opportunity to watch your child's class(es) this term

**This section is for parents / guardians of children in Nursery 1, Nursery 2, Preparatory dance & tap and Pre-Primary 1 (I) (Saturday children starting classes at 11.20 dark blue, yellow and green sets and Monday 4-5.30 Miss Tilly's classes) levels only.**

Please be reminded that parents / guardians / friends are invited to watch their child's classes **week commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** and the teachers look forward to welcoming you into their classes.

So that the classes are not disrupted and run as normally as possible, the usual guidelines for class observation week will apply, as follows:

- 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.

Lastly, you may also have noticed that we have put up notices on the studios doors this term to let you know what your child will be learning in their classes this term and, in some cases, the story they are following. We hope you find this useful in talking about dance classes with your child and helping them practise at home. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you'd like any further information.

## Spring term feedback days

Please see below your next opportunity to receive feedback from your child's teacher during the spring term:

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Miss Tilly - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - 5.00-6.00pm

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Miss Emma - 3.00-4.30 (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)

Miss Jenny - 11.00-12.30pm

Miss Marina - 11.30-12.30pm

Miss Ellie - 12.00-2.00pm

Miss Grace - 1.00-2.00pm

Miss Michelle - 11.00-12.00pm

Miss Lucy - 10.00-11.30am

Miss Helen - 10.00-11.00am

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Miss Ciera - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 6.30-7.30pm

Mr. Tony - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - 5.30-6.30pm

The sheet to sign up to see your child's teacher will be put on the notice board in the waiting room on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**. 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). 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 (**December 2019**) 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.

## Summer School - Monday 3rd - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August for children 3yrs plus

Our summer school will include lots of dancing (of course!) and singing, as well as arts and crafts, and a short performance to the parents at the end of the week, to share all the activities and dances they have been working on.

If you are interested in your child taking part in our fantastic summer school this August please contact us with your child's name and age at [sldsummerworkshops@gmail.com](mailto:sldsummerworkshops@gmail.com) (please note this address is different from previous years). We are interested to receive your thoughts on what would work best for you and your child for our summer school week, so please let us know your preferences in regards to the following:

- start time of workshop
- duration
- how many days
- any other comments/suggestions

We look forward to hearing from you by **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March**.

Please note the summer school is run by some of our wonderful teachers not via our main office so please do not contact the office.

## Junior Funky Moves

Good news! Our junior funky moves (boys only) class is restarting next term. The class will take place on Thursdays from 4.15-4.45pm and we are pleased to announce that we will be offering a free trial for the first class as we want to encourage more boys to dance. If your child then decides to join Junior Funky Moves for the rest of summer term, the fees for the remaining 11 weeks will be £65 plus a £6 annual registration fee.

Our Junior 'Funky Moves' class gives boys from 5 to 7 years the chance to learn current commercial dance styles to up to date music in a lively and fun environment. Boys improve their ability to learn new routines quickly and also develop their strength and flexibility. At around age 7 or 8, boys move into Boys Street (I) and Grade 1 modern to further improve their dance skills and to start learning basic modern dance technique.

Please contact me on [sldslowerschool@gmail.com](mailto:sldslowerschool@gmail.com) if you would like your child to join this class after Easter.

## Second hand uniform - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 9.00am-1.30pm

The next uniform sale will be on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April (which is the second Saturday back) 9.00am-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, which are on the notice board in the waiting room) in the boys changing room at any time this week when you know the studios are open because classes are on. This year we have decided to put 100% of the profit from any donated items towards costumes for the show in July. Alternatively, you can choose to split the profit 50/50 between yourself and the costume fund. Please email Ros at [sldsuniformsale@yahoo.com](mailto:sldsuniformsale@yahoo.com) if you have any queries.

## Cake Sale - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am-2.00pm

The lovely festival team parents will also be running a cake sale on the same date as the uniform sale, to help raise funds for the costumes for the show in July! We therefore would like to encourage all of our families to get baking in order to be a part of our cake sale!

Please support this worthy cause by dropping off some NUT FREE tasty treats in the waiting room on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April** between 10.00am and 8.30pm, or from 8.30am on the Saturday morning. We would very much appreciate your help in providing stock to sell as we anticipate there will be quite a lot of interest in our stall and this a great way to raise money for our costume fund. Additionally, if you are able to volunteer your time to help man the cake stall, please email me on [sldslowerschool@gmail.com](mailto:sldslowerschool@gmail.com) to make arrangements for a helper's rota. Thank you very much for your support with this event.

The cake sale will be held in the car park, weather permitting, on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am-2.00pm**. We do hope you will support this event and enjoy eating some yummy cakes!

## Term dates for the academic year September 2020 - July 2021

**AUTUMN TERM 2020 DATES (12 weeks)**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

*Half term - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November inc*

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Class observation week for Lower School Nursery, Preparatory, Pre-Primary 1 (I) and Junior Funky Moves classes only - w/c Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov

Acting class dates - TBC

## **SPRING TERM 2021 DATES (11 weeks)**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February (6 weeks)**

*Half term - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February inc*

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March (5 weeks)**

Acting class dates - TBC

Class observation week for Upper School Pre-Primary ballet (II), Pre-Primary tap (III) & Primary modern (III) plus only - w/c Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Class observation week for Lower School Nursery, Preparatory, Pre-Primary (I) and Junior Funky Moves classes only - w/c Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Provisional examination dates - w/c 22nd March

## **SUMMER TERM 2021 DATES (12 weeks)**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May (classes will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May and Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May which is a Bank Holiday weekend)**

*Half term - Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June inc (note - there are two Saturday's off)*

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

Acting class dates - TBC

Class observation week for Lower School Nursery, Preparatory, Pre-Primary (I) and Junior Funky Moves classes only - w/c Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Upper School performance rehearsals - dates / times TBC

Upper School performance - venue and dates / times TBC

## **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

Please ensure that you e-mail me if you change address, telephone number or e-mail address. Also, if during term time you will not be checking your e-mail account for a period of two weeks or more, then please let me know. In addition to this please update me with any new medical conditions that your child may have developed since enrolling at the school so that we can add the relevant information to their file.

Best wishes

Katarina Hill

Lower School Administrator

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