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Upper School Invoice Newsletter

Tuesday 10th 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.

Secondly, a massive good luck to all the students who are taking ISTD dance examinations during March! Smile and enjoy the experience, your teachers are very proud of the hard work you have been putting in 😊

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 note there will be no change to the name, day, time of your child's classes for summer term, even if they are due to take an examination at the end of this term. All students taking an examination this term will move up in September due to show work taking place next term.

Please ensure payment is made on or before the last day of this term which is **Sunday 5th 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 16th 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.

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 are sorry to announce that Clyde the gym skills teacher has moved on from SLDS as has been offered a fantastic opportunity to work on a cruise ship with his own aerial show. We wish him the best of luck. Evie, who has covered a number of times, will be covering until we find someone more permanent.

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!

Spring term feedback days

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

Friday 27th March

Miss Tilly - Friday 27th March - 5.00-6.00pm

Sunday 29th 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 30th March

Miss Ciera - Monday 30th March 6.30-7.30pm

Mr. Tony - Monday 30th 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 13th March**.

- **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 7th 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 (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 30th 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 (boys only)

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 / my colleague on sldslowerschool@gmail.com if you would like your child to join this class after Easter.

Second hand uniform - Saturday 25th April 9.00am-1.30pm

The next uniform sale will be on **Saturday 25th 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 if you have any queries.

Cake Sale - Saturday 25th 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 24th 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 my colleague Katarina, 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 25th 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 7th September - Sunday 19th October

Half term - Monday 19th - Sunday 1st November inc

Monday 2nd November - Sunday 13th December

Class observation week for Lower School Nursery, Preparatory, Pre-Primary 1 (I) and Junior Funky Moves classes only - w/c

Monday 30th Nov

Acting class dates - TBC

SPRING TERM 2021 DATES (11 weeks)

Monday 4th January - Sunday 14th February (6 weeks)

Half term - Monday 15th to Sunday 21st February inc

Monday 22nd February - Sunday 28th 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 1st February

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

Provisional examination dates - w/c 22nd March

SUMMER TERM 2021 DATES (12 weeks)

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

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

Monday 7th June - Sunday 17th 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 5th 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

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