

MARGARET GILES SCHOOL OF DANCING

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AUTUMN TERM 2012 NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM DATES: 10TH SEPT - 25TH NOV

Half Term: 29th Oct - 4th Nov

SPRING TERM DATES: 14TH JAN - 24TH MARCH

Half Term: 18th Feb - 24th Feb

Feb

Dear Parents and Pupils

Welcome back, I hope you all feel ready for an exciting term ahead. I am just recovering from Olympic fever! I never knew how exhausting and emotionally draining watching *hours* of sport could be! It has all been very inspirational. Sophie Goodwin, one of our Street dancers even danced at the closing ceremony.

Exams At the end of last term we had modern and tap exams and pupils did exceptionally well, most gaining Distinction or very high Merits. Erin Moloney gained Distinction in both subjects! and Lydia Owen achieved the highest score overall of 91 marks out of 100 for her modern exam. A huge congratulations to **all** pupils and Annie for all your hard work.

Fees Don't forget invoices are not issued and details of fees are on the reverse of this newsletter. Please note there will be a slight increase for some Chartham Hatch and Wye pupils to bring their fees into line with the rest of the school. I would greatly appreciate **prompt TERMLY payment** (between 1st and 3rd week of term). If you are paying for the term's fees in cash please put the money in an envelope with your child's name on it.

Show The show involves pupils in Primary Grade and above and will be in November at the Brake Hall, Ashford School. **Sunday 18th November** will be the dress rehearsal day and the following weekend; **Saturday 24th a MATINEE (not an evening) performance and Sunday 25th will be a matinee and early evening performance.** We will try to keep cost/hire of costumes to £15 per dance. Show permission slips and costume invoices will be sent out within the next few weeks. I reiterate what I said in our last newsletters; it is very important that pupils are committed, attend all their lessons and be prepared to come to extra lessons/rehearsals in order to gain the confidence needed to shine! We reserve the right to withdraw anyone from the show if we do not feel they are fully committed, the show is a huge undertaking and we strive to make it as professional as possible.

Another nag about hair Please encourage children to come to class well groomed and this includes hair tied up. Having neat hair and uniform is an important part of dance training and helps pupils to get in the right frame of mind for learning.

Absent or Discontinuing Classes We remind parents to inform us if your child is absent from class for more than two weeks. I would also like to point out that we do not insist on a terms notice or a terms fees in lieu of notice as many other schools do, but we do expect to be informed well in advance of the beginning of term if your child will no longer be continuing with classes. There are waiting lists for some classes, but it is also very disconcerting for teachers when they have planned work for the term ahead.

Uniform PLEASE have hair tied up and have the correct uniform for class. If you are about to buy a new leotard please make sure you have the correct colour (see below). Please also remember to name your child's crossover and shoes.

Addresses and Contact Numbers. Please ask for an address card if you have not already filled one out or if you have moved recently.

Uniform for classes:

Ballet: pre-school, primary and grade 1- Plum leotard and circular skirt, pink socks or pink tights. Pink leather or canvas ballet shoes with elastics. Wrap-over cardigans for colder months. Hair up and off the face. **Boys -** White T shirt, black tights or shorts, black or white socks, black ballet shoes.

Grades 2 and 3 - Sky Blue leotard with matching belt, pink tights pink leather or canvas ballet shoes. Wrap-over cardigans for colder months. Hair up, preferably in a bun, and off the face. **Boys -** white T-shirt black tights or cycling shorts, white or black socks and black or white ballet shoes. (for exams white socks must be worn with white elastics on shoes).

Grade 4 upwards - Black sleeveless or camisole-top leotard, pink tights, pink leather or canvas ballet shoes, pink point shoes (as advised by teacher). Hair up, preferably in a bun, and off the face.

Modern: Black or coloured leotard, footless tights, bare feet. **Tap:** Black or coloured leotard, tights or black jazz pants, black socks and black tap shoes. Hair up and off the face for all classes please. Tap shoe hire is £5 for second hand pair of shoes or £10 for brand new.

School Rules: No child is allowed to run around in the hall before class. Please be sure that you sit down quietly at the back of the hall until your teacher calls you.

CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES. As I.S.T.D teachers of dance, we have been advised to issue the following statement in our newsletters to parents: - **Due to the nature of dance training, physical touch of the pupil by a teacher is often necessary. This would always be clinical and helpful and would never humiliate any pupil.**

FEES AND TIMETABLE OVERLEAF

FEES. INVOICES ARE NOT ISSUED. FEES DUE BETWEEN 1ST AND 3RD WEEK OF TERM

HALF HOUR CLASS AT ANY VENUE

£35 per term_

ASHFORD CLASSES

£40 per term

WYE CLASSES
 CHARTHAM HATCH CLASSES
 MODERN/TAP CLASSES

£40 per term
 £40 per term
 £50 per term

Two of more lessons a week for the **same pupil** - 10% discount

If paying cash, I would be grateful if the money could be in a named envelope. Please write pupils name on back of cheque.

Cheques payable to The Margaret Giles School of Dancing

PLEASE NOTE THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES TO THE TIMETABLE

Day	Location			Teacher	
Monday	Ashford	Primary Tap	4.00 - 4.30	Annie	
		Grade 1 Modern	4.30 - 5.00	Annie	
		Grade 1 Tap	5.00 - 5.30	Annie	
		Grade 2 Modern	5.30 - 6.00	Annie	
		Grade 2 Tap	6.00 - 6.30	Annie	
		Grade 3 Modern	6.30 - 7.00	Annie	
		Grade 3 Tap	7.00 - 7.30	Annie	
		Grade 5 Modern	7.30 - 8.15	Annie	
		Teens Street	8.15 - 9.00	Annie	
Tuesday	Ashford	Grade 2 Ballet	4.45 - 5.30	Liz	
		Grade 3 / 4 Ballet	5.30 - 6.20	Liz	
		Inters and Adv ! Ballet	6.20 - 7.20	Liz	
Wednesday	Ashford	Junior Street	4.30 - 5.15	Annie	
		Grade 4 Tap	5.15 - 5.45	Annie	
		Grade 6 Modern	5.45 - 6.30	Annie	
Thursday	Ashford	Pre School Ballet	4.00 - 4.30	Liz	
		Primary Ballet	4.30 - 5.10	Liz	
		Grade 1 Ballet	5.10 - 5.50	Liz	
		Grade 2 Ballet	5.50 - 6.30	Liz	
		Grade 4	6.30 - 7.10	Liz	
		Inter F /Grade 5	7.10 - 8.00	Liz	
	Wye	Primary Tap	4.00 - 4.30	Hannah	
		Grade 1 Modern	4.30 - 5.00	Hannah	
		Grade 1 Tap	5.00 - 5.30	Hannah	
		Grade 2 Tap	5.30 - 6.10	Hannah	
Friday	Wye	Primary Ballet	3.30 - 4.00	Liz	
		Grade 1 Ballet	4.00 - 4.30	Liz	
		Grade 1 Ballet	4.30 - 5.00	Liz	
		Grade 2/3 Ballet	5.00 - 5.40	Liz	
		New Grade 4s Ballet	5.40 - 6.20	Liz	
		Grade 4/5 Ballet	6.00 - 6.50	Liz	
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Saturday	Chartham Hatch	Grade 3 / 4 Ballet	9.30 - 10.15	Liz	
		Grade 2 Ballet	10.15 - 11.00	Liz	
		Primary/Grade 1 Tap	11.00 - 11.30	Liz	
		Primary Ballet	11.30 - 12.00	Liz	
		Pre Primary Ballet	12.00 - 12.30	Liz	
		Grade 5/6 Ballet	12.30 - 1.30	Liz	

Regards Liz Moriarty, Annie Farrant -Davis and Hannah Baker