

MARGARET GILES SCHOOL OF DANCING

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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2013

SPRING TERM DATES: 12TH JAN - 24TH MARCH

Half Term: 16TH Feb - 22ND Feb

Dear Parents and Pupils

A very Happy New Year to everyone and a HUGE thank you for all the lovely gifts, cards, comments, texts and emails after the show. The show was great fun and hopefully will continue to enthuse and inspire pupils. Show DVD can be ordered on the school website. Don't forget to return hired costumes, for those of you who still owe for costumes you must please settle with terms fees. A camera case was left at the Brake Hall after the shows, please contact Liz if it belongs to you. It's all back to business now and we have ballet exams planned for end of April and possibly July, dates to be confirmed. Exam taking can be good fun and is encouraged but not obligatory. You will be informed at least 6 weeks in advance if your child is due to take one. They will probably be asked to attend extra lessons to boost their confidence in order for the exam experience to be enjoyable.

Timetable Changes There will be some changes made this term which will be implemented by half term if not before, you will be informed in due course if this affects you.

English Youth Ballet Auditions for Swan Lake are on Monday 25th February at the Marlowe Theatre. For more information you can go to www.englishyouthballet.co.uk or come and speak to Liz.

Modern and Tap fees The fees for modern and tap have remained the same for a few years now with the hope of encouraging more ballet pupils to join, however the school cannot sustain this situation and the fees have to be increased in order to cover our increased costs, therefore as from the Summer term the fees will be £6 for a combined modern/tap lesson, £60 per 10 week term. Don't forget invoices are not issued (in order to keep costs down) and details of fees are on the reverse of this newsletter. I would greatly appreciate **prompt TERMLY payment** (between 1st and by 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!

New Pre-School Ballet Class Starting after half term will be an additional ballet class on a Thursday with Hannah at the Methodist Hall in Wye 3.30 - 4pm. Please contact Liz if you would like to put your child's name down for this class.

Newsletters Please sign up on the school website to receive the termly newsletters and notices. Please refer to website during snowy weather in case of class cancellations.

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 of 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. 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	£40 per term

CHARTHAM HATCH CLASSES
MODERN/TAP CLASSES

£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 1 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 Ballet	6.30 - 7.10	Liz	
		Inter F / Grade 5 Ballet	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	
		Grade 4 Ballet No.1	5.40 - 6.15	Liz	
		Grades 4/5 Ballet	6.00 - 6.45	Liz	
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