

M G DANCE

The Margaret Giles School of Dancing

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SPRING TERM 2015

Term dates: 5TH January – 29th March

Half Term: 15th February – 22nd February

Dear Parents and Pupils

Happy New Year to everyone and thank you so much for the Christmas cards and gifts we received. Well done to all pupils who took an exam last term, thank you everyone for your hard work and particular congratulations to Beth Swan who passed both her Grade 5 Ballet and Grade 4 Modern exams with Distinction.

First Friday of Term at Wye Over the holiday I was informed by the Methodist Church that we cannot use the hall on the 9th January due to maintenance work being carried out. Therefore as the large hall in the Village Hall is free we shall have our lessons there on the 9th. Unfortunately the last class has to be cancelled as the hall is only available until 7.30. My sincere apologies for this girls, and I will make it up to you later in term.

Show Our show involves pupils in the Primary classes and above and will be held at The Brake Hall, Ashford School at the end of this March. Due to the hall being used for a school production we are unable to rehearse on the stage until Friday 27th March. It is my intention to have rehearsals on that Friday from 4pm, then on Saturday 28th there will be rehearsals followed by a full dress rehearsal. Sunday 29th we will have two performances; an early matinee and an early evening performance, one of which will be filmed I hope. I will give a more detailed rehearsal timetable closer to the time. The show is a huge undertaking and requires absolute commitment from all pupils who must attend all their lessons and possibly extra rehearsals to ensure the show is as professional as possible. As always I shall endeavor to keep costume costs to a minimum but I anticipate approximately £15 per dance. Most pupils will be in one group dance number unless they do more than one dance discipline. Please let us know as soon as possible, by text or email, if you are unable to be in the show or you do not wish your child to be filmed or photographed. Now I pray for a mild winter.

Adult Tap Class Katrina will be starting an adult tap class on Wednesdays at the end of January in the newly built Kennington Cricket club. As it is a brand new floor we wanted to make sure tap shoes wouldn't scuff it so I had a practice there in my tap shoes and it sounded really good! Very exciting. Please speak to me or Katrina if you are interested. Times to be confirmed but most likely 7.30 – 8.15 and cost is £5. Great exercise and fun, try it out in trainers if you haven't got tap shoes yet.

Returned Cheques If you have had a cheque returned to you by your bank please add an extra £5 to your dance fees as this is the amount the bank charges the school whenever this happens.

Timetable Check the timetable as there have been a number of changes.

Crossover Cardigan Please check it is labeled.

Absent or Discontinuing Classes I would like to point out that though we do not insist on a terms notice or a term's fees in lieu of

notice as many other schools do, we do expect to be informed well in advance of the beginning of a term if your child will no longer be continuing with us. It is especially disconcerting for teachers to lose a pupil at short notice, plus some classes have waiting lists and spaces can be allocated to others. If you are away from class for two weeks or longer please could you contact your teacher.

Uniform PLEASE have hair tied up and have the correct uniform for class. Make sure you remove watches and jewellery. If you are about to buy a new leotard please make sure you have the correct colour (see below). Please 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/level 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/level 2 and 3 - Plum 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/level 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.

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.**

INVOICES ARE NOT ISSUED
FEES FOR 11 WEEKS DUE BETWEEN 1ST AND 4TH WEEK OF TERM

ANY HALF HOUR CLASS	£42 for the term
40 MINUTES PLUS CLASS	£48 for the term
1 HOUR MODERN/TAP CLASS	£68 for the term

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

For those wishing to pay online;

HSBC Business Account: Margaret Giles School of Dancing
Sort Code 40-21-35
Account Number 70058769

Please remember to state the **pupil's name**. If paying by cash I would be grateful if the money could be in a **named envelope**. Please write pupil's name on back of cheque. Cheques payable to MG Dance.

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