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## Newsletter January term - 2020

Dear Parents,

**TERM NEWS & EXAMS –**

I hope that your children have had an enjoyable term and that you are all looking forward to Christmas and the New Year. It’s not too late to buy our large pink dance bags, with the school of dance and a dance logo on the side. These are on sale at £10.00 and would make lovely stocking filler for Christmas. Our, made to order, Modern and Tap dance leotards and shorts also make a sparkly addition to a Christmas stocking!

The exam sessions are imminent, if not already taken place. 50 students will be taking part in Ballet, Tap and Modern exams this term. Next term, it looks like there will just be a Ballet examination session, with Modern and Tap exams following in the summer term. Please do not worry about the progression of your children, they may be moved up accordingly without taking exams. This will not be detrimental to any future exams that they may wish to take.

During the October half term Laura and I spent two days at The Sadler’s Wells Theatre, learning the new ISTD Contemporary dance syllabus. We are very excited to start teaching this in January. Please see below for details.

**\*\*NEW CONTEMPORARY DANCE CLASSES\*\* –**

We shall be starting new Contemporary Dance classes in January for anyone pupil, in Grade 5 Modern/Ballet or higher, that is interested. It could be invaluable to any student taking GSCE dance. There will be two classes available: Monday - Weston Turville 5.30 – 6.15pm and Friday – Eaton Bray 7.00 – 7.30pm. Please let me know if your daughter would like to come along for a half term trial. Fees will be charged only after the half term trial.

**\*\*JANUARY SPECIAL OFFERS\*\* –**

Any pupil wishing to trial a third dance genre may do so totally free of charge for half a term in January (5 weeks). In addition to this, any pupil may attend a second class each week, of the same grade and genre to that as they already attend, totally free of charge. This may facilitate quicker progression through exams if pupils wish.

**JANUARY TIME TABLE CHANGES! –**

Please note that there are several changes to the timetable as we restructure again following the recent exams. Some classes have been temporarily cut, due to low numbers in them at present. This may change again in the future, as pupil’s progress through their grades. If you are unable to attend your class at the new time please do refer to the timetable, as there may be an alternative class more convenient for you.

**ADVERSE WEATHER NEXT YEAR! –**

Please check my Facebook or Instagram page if the weather turns severe and you are unsure if we are able to run classes. If you could also check that I have a current mobile phone number and email address for you as I usually try to send out block text or email messages.

**WESTON TURVILLE AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB –**

We are very grateful to the Weston Turville Church of England School for permitting us to continue with our ‘After-school’ dance club. Laura collects over 15 children directly from the school and brings them over to the hall for their dance lessons every Wednesday. This gives parents the extended childcare that might be required to allow children to take part in this extra curricular activity. For further details, please message me.

**EATON BRAY ACADEMY AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB –**

Our Eaton Bray Academy after school dance club has been modified to offer a general ‘Street’ Dance class for years 2, 3 and 4 children. The class is held in the school hall at Eaton Bray Academy every Tuesday from 3.30 – 4.15pm. Please message me for further details if your daughter/son attend this school and would like to join the sessions.

**ADULT BALLET & TAP –**

Adult ballet will continue during the January term. It’s not too late to come along and join us. No previous experience is necessary as we cater for all level in the class. The class is on Tuesday evenings in the Eaton Bray Village Hall at the **amended time of 8.00** **– 9.00pm**, costing £7 payable on the day or £60 in advance for the full term. Adult Tap will also continue into the January term. Anna Sheldon, one of my senior students, will continue to run the 30-minute Adult Tap lesson on Friday evenings in Eaton Bray 8.00 – 8.30pm. As this class will be held in the small hall area, it will be limited to between 6 – 8 adults. Some previous experience is necessary, as a sound basic Tap knowledge is required. Cost will be £5 payable on the day. Please contact me to register your interest and/or reserve your place on either class.

**SOCIAL MEDIA & WEB SITE –**

I’d like to Thank Laura McLeod for keeping the school relevant on Social Media and keeping the web site up to date. All information regarding news and messages can be found on my Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/JoLatusDance> Website - <https://www.jolatusdance.co.uk> or on my Instagram page - [@jolatusdance.](http://www.instagram.com/jolatusdance)

**UNIFORM & SHOP** –

All dance shoes must be professionally fitted. These, along with any ballet uniform, can be purchased from Stages Dance Wear, 5a London Road, Aston Clinton. The shop is open: Wednesday 10am – 1pm, Thursday & Friday 6.00pm – 7.30pm and Saturday 10am – 3pm. If in doubt then please call (01296) 630296. Pupils from Eaton Bray, may order uniform from the shop through me by asking one of my assistants, on Tuesday or Friday. Payment must be made before garments are taken home.

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM –**

A massive ‘Thank you’ to Hannah Dominey, who has taken on the second hand uniform service. Voluntarily providing you with the ability to buy and sell your used dancewear. Hannah can be contacted by text/phone on 07887 772241. Please do not hand in any shoes or items of clothing that are past their best!

**TERM DATES 2020 - NOTE:- NO CLASSES ON HIGHLIGHTED DATES**

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|  **JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL** |
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**Classes commence on Wednesday January 8th 2020**

**\* There are NO CLASSES in Eaton Bray on Friday January 24th \***

**Half Term: Wednesday February 12th – Sunday February 23rd**

**\* There are CLASSES ON Friday February 14th \***

**Classes finish on Saturday March 28th 2020**

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**FEES EXPLAINED & DIRECT PAYMENT** –

There is a flat termly fee for each family of either £50.00 or £55.00 per term. This is regardless of the number of weeks in each term. This term it will be 10 week in duration. Thereafter fees are reduced accordingly for siblings and second classes. **Any additional classes in the same grade and genre may be attended free of charge**.

Please let me know if you have trouble paying fees. Cheques should be made payable to Miss J. Latus. Please note that if you have an agreement with me to pay weekly then you must still pay for your child if he/she is away for a week or more. If you wish to make payment by bank transfer then please email me once you have done so, detailing when and the amount paid. Please reference the transfer with your child’s surname & Christian name if possible. All cash payments must be accompanied by a confirmation text or email to me to ensure that I know how much is being paid and for whom.

*Beneficiary Name: J Latus School of Dance Sort Code: 12-24-81 Account Number: 06836180*

TIME-TABLE – January 2020

 MONDAY – WESTON TURVILLE TUESDAY – EATON BRAY

 4.15 - 4.45 *Ex class TBC 3.30 - 4.15 Street Eaton Bray Academy* 4.45 - 5.30Grade 5 Modern

 5.30 - 6.15Contemporary  4.00 – 4.30 Pre-Primary Ballet

 6.15 - 7.00 Grade 6 Modern 4.30 - 5.00 Primary Ballet 7.00 - 7.45 Inter Ballet 5.00 - 5.30 Grade 1 Ballet 5.00 – 5.30 Exam class TBA

 5.30 - 6.00 Grade 2 Ballet 5.30 – 6.00 Exam class TBA

 6.00 - 6.30 Grade 3 Ballet 6.00 – 6.30 Street 6.30 - 7.00 Grade 4 Ballet 6.30 – 7.00 Inter Tap

 7.00 – 7.30 Inter Ballet 7.00 – 7.30 Inter Modern

 7.30 – 8.00 Grade 7 Ballet 7.30 – 8.00 Grade 5 Tap

 8.00 – 9.00 Adult ballet 8.00 – 8.30 Gr 6 Modern

##### WEDNESDAY - WESTON TURVILLE THURSDAY - ASTON CLINTON

 3.00 - 3.30 Pre-School 3.45 - 4.15 Pre-Primary

 3.45 - 4.15 Primary Ballet Pre-Primary Ballet 4.15 - 4.45 Primary Ballet

 4.15 - 4.45 Grade 1 Tap Primary Tap 4.45 - 5.15 Grade 1 Tap

 4.45 - 5.15 Grade 1 Ballet Grade 2 Ballet 5.15 - 5.45 Grade 1 Ballet

 5.15 - 5.45 Grade 2 Tap Grade 3 Tap 5.45 - 6.15 Grade 2 Modern

 5.45 - 6.15 Grade 4 Ballet Grade 3 Ballet 6.15 - 6.45 Grade 2 Ballet

 6.15 – 6.45 Grade 4 Modern Inter F Ballet 6.45 - 7.15 Grade 3 Modern

 6.45 - 7.15 Grade 4 Tap Inter Ballet 7.15 - 8.00 Grade 5 Ballet

7.15 – 8.00 Grade 7 Ballet Grade 5 Tap

 **FRIDAY – E. BRAY FRIDAY – E. BRAY SATURDAY - STOKE M**

 4.00 - 4.30 Pre-Primary Ballet 4.00 - 4.30 Primary Ballet 9.00 - 9.30 Grade 3

 4.30 - 5.00 Primary Tap 4.30 - 5.00 Grade 1 Tap 9.30 - 10.00 Grade 2

 5.00 - 5.30 Grade 2 Ballet 5.00 - 5.30 Grade 1 Ballet 10.00 - 10.30 Grade 4 Modern

 5.30 - 6.00 Grade 2 Modern 5.30 - 6.00 Grade 3 Modern 10.30 - 11.00 Grade 4

 6.00 - 6.30 Grade 3 Tap 6.00 - 6.30 Grade 2 Tap 11.00 - 11.30 Grade 1

 6.30 - 7.00 Grade 4 Tap 6.30 - 7.00 Grade 3 Ballet 11.30 – 12.00 Primary

 7.00 - 7.30 Grade 4 Modern 7.00 - 7.30 Contemporary 12.00 - 12.30 Pre-School

 7.30 - 8.00 Grade 4 Ballet 7.30 - 8.00 Grade 5 ballet 12.30 - 1.00 Pre-Primary

 8.00 - 8.30 Grade 5 Modern 8.00 – 8.30 Adult Tap

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Total Fee’s payable this term - Payment method (Cheque / cash / bank transfer) delete as appropriate

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***Please update your contact mobile number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and email address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***