Dear Parents and Students, what a crazy couple of months. I hope you are all safe and happy. I really hope you are all having a lovely summer holiday. You all deserve a well-earned break. I have missed seeing you all and I congratulate you all on a hard year, working and studying at home. It was so nice to see some of you on my Zoom classes! We have lots planned for the future of Bell Street School of Dance, obviously depending on Covid-19 restrictions as to when these things can happen and I hope you understand that there may be some changes, depending on the virus. I want to guarantee to you all that the upmost important thing is the safety of the children.

I am so sorry to all the girls who missed out on doing their modern exams due to lockdown. Rather than staying at the Grade that they were ready to take, all students will move up to the next Grade. Exams are not compulsory at Bell Street School of Dance; when a child is ready, they are invited to take the graded examinations however if they do not wish to, they will still move up with their friends.

**Bell Street School of Dance – About Us**

A warm welcome to new students, just a little bit of information on what we are about. We want every child to have the opportunity to learn how to dance and feel good about themselves. We believe that every child should have the opportunity to shine.

**Fees**

We still offer pay as you go classes, but due to Covid-19 we will have a pot for class money so that there is less contact. Here is the new price list:

30 mins - £4.50

45 mins - £5.00

1 hour - £5.10

1 hour 15 - £5.20

**Timetable**

Since we are only able to have four and five in a class at a time due to Covid-19, and it has been such a long time since children have been at school or dance, you will see that the younger classes are 30 minutes instead of 45. This is because I think 45 minutes for a group of 5 will be too intense. We need to give time for children to adapt to being back at school.

This timetable is subject to change due to Covid-19 and attendance.

**Covid-19**

Along with this newsletter is our new Covid-19 information for parents.

**Summer challenges**

Please find enclosed a little present from me and a few worksheets to do. All sheets that are handed back will receive a prize!

**Uniform**

You can order your uniform from us. We try our best to keep uniform at reasonable price.

Primary and Grade 1 Ballet – pink leotard and skirt, ballet tights, ballet shoes

Grade 2 Ballet – navy leotard, ballet tights, ballet shoes, navy skirt is optional

Standard 4 Ballet – ballet leotard, ballet tights, skirt is optional, pointe shoes (when child is ready)

We also sell second-hand uniform for parents when it is in stock.

Tops, t-shirts & hoodies are available to order on request

**News**

Baby Roland was born 25th May 2020! He is looking forward to meeting you all soon.

We are also using new premises in Semley! It has lovely wooden floor and we will be looking to invest in some portable mirrors in the near future. Musters Farm, Semley, Shaftesbury, Dorset, SP7 9AP. It is across the road from Semley Village Hall.

**Badges**

When we are back, we will be working towards Dance Badges, these badges are earned throughout class and are assessed in-house.

**Important Dates**

Unfortunately, all upcoming events including Wyke Fete, Shaftesbury & Gillingham Carnival and our annual Show have been cancelled.

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