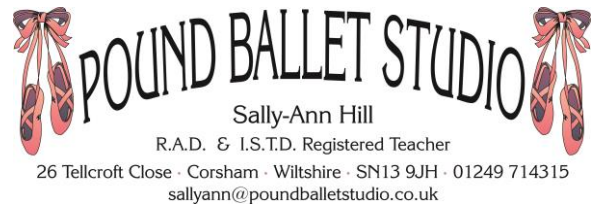


# NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2013



Hello Everyone,

Thank you so much for all your lovely comments about the Nutcracker that we all enjoyed in our new venue and after the success there, we've booked it once again for April 2015!! At last the DVD's arrived and apart from a few hiccups are very good quality and a lovely memory of your child's dancing days. If you would still like one then let me know.

Congratulations to Phoebe Iacono who successfully auditioned for the English Youth Ballet and will be performing with them in the near future. Well done Phoebe!

The teachers all had a trip to London over the half term to see the 'Lion King'. What a spectacular Production of dance, acting and creative costumes and sets it is! We will do our best to recreate the atmosphere at the Pound for our adaptation of the Lion King at Summer School. The moving sets could pose a problem!!

A few students attended an Intermediate Foundation course in Bournemouth on Easter Monday. Thank you to the parents for giving up your free time and letting your children have the opportunity to work with such an inspiring teacher and examiner of the RAD Pauline Withers. I really enjoyed watching your class and also the following day's Intermediate classes.

**At last we have a timetable for September** for you to organise your busy autumn schedules. There has to be a number of changes as all the Pre-Schoolers need new classes to go into and also a new Modern & Tap class that will affect most lesson times so please read the information and view the new timetable below. **ALL THE INFO BELOW IS FOR SEPTEMBER**

**Pre-School** – There will be 3 classes to join if your child is going to school and would like to continue with Ballet. **Tuesday – 15:45-16:25, Friday 16:00-16:40, and Saturday 10:00-10:40** Please can I remind you that there is a regulation uniform for pre-primary (unlike the pre-school classes) of georgette skirt and pink short sleeved leotard.

**Pre-Primary** - The new reception class will be Pre-Primary B and the Year 1 class will become Pre- Primary A. Please check times with the autumn timetable.

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**Primary** Please check times with the autumn timetable

**Grade 1B** - There will be only 2 classes as the Saturday class will disperse into Tuesdays and Fridays. The Tuesday class will take place in the Studio and the Friday class in the Rehearsal room. If your child comes on a Saturday and you haven't let me know your day of preference then please could you send me an email. Tuesdays will be busy as 2 classes are running simultaneously. Check times with timetable.

**Grade 1A**- The class will move from a Saturday 9:10 to a Tuesday 16:25- 17:15. This class will take a Graded exam in November so there will be extra practices on a Saturday afternoon that are scheduled on the timetable.

**Grade 2** – There will be only one class on the Thursday at the normal time. Please could any of the children who want to join the class from the Friday please let me know.

**Grade 3** – The class will run in the studio this term. The class is Grade 3B this term. Check time.

**Grade 4 & 5** -Classes will continue twice a week. Children who only participate once will not be able to continue to take the Graded exams at this level. The Grade 4 & 5 classes are the Grades 3A & 4 after the exams this term. Please have your hair in a bun for turning steps. Check timings.

**Grade 6** – There will continue to be one class twice a week with an exam in November. There will be some smaller groups for Saturday practices nearer the time. Pointe work cannot be continued in the lesson this term. Anyone keen to do pointe work can come at 9:30-10:00am for a Saturday morning lesson. Please let me know if you would like to come. Intermediate students will have pointe work in their Intermediate lessons. Please have your hair in a bun for turning steps. Check timings.

**Grade 8** – The remaining students will take the exam in November. We wish you all the best in your exams and your future careers. Check timings.

**Intermediate Foundation** – There will be a new vocational class starting for invited children to attend alongside the other twice weekly Graded ballet lessons. The class will increase to twice weekly and is for the most committed dancers. An invitation will be sent out soon.

**Intermediate** - The class will be running twice a week for the students who pass Inter-Foundation. if students want to drop the Graded lessons then that is a possibility. Check timings.

## WATCHING

Only exam and pre-school classes will be watched this term. An invitation will be given with the autumn invoice.

## MID-SOMERSET FESTIVAL

We are taking our Contemporary groups to the Festival in Writhlington that takes place on the 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September. A letter has been sent home with the children involved so please reply as soon as you can. WE STILL NEED TO HEAR FROM SOME STUDENTS SO PLEASE SEND ME AN EMAIL

## SUMMER SCHOOL - THE LION KING 29<sup>th</sup> July- 2<sup>nd</sup> July

### WE STILL HAVE SOME SPACES LEFT ESPECIALLY FOR THE YOUNGER GROUP.

Our annual summer school is not far away and we are already preparing a very exciting programme. All the children who have come to our previous summer weeks have been very happy and have had a great time. Have a browse at our summer school book of photographs in the changing room to see what we got up to last year.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

## MODERN & TAP IN SEPTEMBER

There will be a new modern and tap class for beginners ages 5-7 years: Wednesdays 15:45-16:15. Please get in touch if your child is keen to have a 3 week trial and I will put them on the list.

The present beginners Modern & tap will now split into 2 separate classes. A 30 minute Primary tap class with Nikki Purkess, and a 30 minute Modern class with Lucy Thynne that will run from 15:45-16:45. As an introductory offer the class will be invoiced as one hour class for one term only for the children to try both lessons.

## HAIR AND UNIFORM

Please, please send girls with hair tied back off the face with hair elastics and grips. It doesn't have to be a bun unless you are in Grade 5 and above but just neat and tidy. It goes without saying that the appearance of the students is a reflection of the organisation and discipline of the school and we do have regulation uniform for all dance classes. Please take note of what uniform is needed for each grade and dance genre.

## BALLET ON FRIDAYS

This term Nikki Purkess has been taking the majority of the Friday classes as with a heavy exam timetable I needed to reduce my teaching hours for a while. Next term Nikki and I will be working simultaneously so I hope to see some of the children again then.

## PBS AUTUMN 2013 TERM TIMETABLE AT THE POUND IN CORSHAM IS AS FOLLOWS

MON	TUE	TUE	WED	WED	THU	FRI	FRI	SAT
Rehearsal Room Primary 15:45 - 16:30 Ballet	Rehearsal Room Pre-Primary B 15:45 - 16:25 Ballet	Studio Grade 1B 16:00 - 16:45 Ballet	Rehearsal Room Pre-School 15:00 - 15:30 Ballet	Studio New Modern 15:45 - 16:15 and Tap	Rehearsal Room Pre-School 14:15 - 14:45 Ballet	Rehearsal Room Pre-School 14:15 - 14:45 Ballet		Studio Pointe work 09:30 - 10:00 Ballet
Rehearsal Room Grade 4 16:30 - 17:15 Ballet	Rehearsal Room Grade 1A 16:25 - 17:25 Ballet	Studio Grade 3 16:45 - 17:35 Ballet	Rehearsal Room Level 2 15:45 - 16:15 Modern	Studio Primary 16:15 - 16:45 Tap	Rehearsal Room Pre-Primary A 15:45 - 16:25 Ballet	Rehearsal Room Pre-Primary B 16:00 - 16:40 Ballet	Studio Pre-Primary A 16:00 - 16:40 Ballet	Studio Pre-Primary B 10:00 - 10:40 Ballet
Rehearsal R + Studio Intermediate 17:15 - 18:30 Foundation	Rehearsal Room Grade 6B 17:25 - 18:25 Ballet		Rehearsal Room Level 3 16:15 - 16:45 Modern	Studio Grade 1 16:45 - 17:15 Tap	Rehearsal Room Grade 2 16:25 - 17:25 Ballet	Rehearsal Room Grade 1B 16:40 - 17:30 Ballet	Studio Primary 16:40 - 17:25 Ballet	Studio Pre-Primary A 10:40 - 11:20 Ballet
Studio Grade 5 18:30 - 19:15 Ballet	Rehearsal Room Intermediate 18:25 - 19:25 Ballet		Rehearsal Room Level 4 16:45 - 17:15 Modern	Studio Grade 2B 17:15 - 18:00 Tap	Rehearsal Room Grade 4 17:25 - 18:25 Ballet			Studio Primary 11:20 - 12:05 Ballet
Studio Grade 6B 19:15 - 20:00 Ballet	Rehearsal Room Grade 6A 19:25 - 20:25 Ballet		Rehearsal Room Level 1 17:15 - 18:00 Contemporary	Studio Grade 2A 18:00 - 18:45 Tap	Rehearsal Room Grade 5 18:25 - 19:25 Ballet			Studio Pre-School 12:05 - 12:35 Ballet
Studio Intermediate 20:00 - 21:00 Ballet	Rehearsal Room Grade 8 20:25 - 21:25 Ballet		Rehearsal Room Level 2 18:00 - 18:45 Contemporary	Studio Grade 3 18:45 - 19:30 Tap	Rehearsal Room Grade 6A 19:25 - 20:25 Ballet			Studio Grade 1A 12:35 - 13:35 Exam Practices
			Rehearsal Room Level 4 18:45 - 19:30 Contemporary	Studio Grade 5 19:30 - 20:15 Tap	Rehearsal Room Grade 8 20:25 - 21:25 Ballet			
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THE TERM RUNS FROM MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2013 – SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2013

Thank you for your continued support and hoping you are all enjoying the beautiful weather.  
About time!!