

6 Jan 2012

Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 1 of 2012!

As you might imagine, we have a very exciting year lined up ahead of us and we look forward to sharing your child's journey of dance with you!

COMMUNICATIONS

From time to time, especially at the beginning and end of terms, and near to show times, we need to communicate important and relevant information to parents. As such, we are trying to establish as fool-proof a system of communication as possible!

1. Letter will be distributed to the kids.
2. Parents will receive SMS to look out for letter.
3. Letter will be posted on our Web site with a link on the home page as well as the KIDS page [<http://www.swingapore.com/kids.htm>]

Please do ensure that we have your latest, correct mobile number! This is necessary, not only for communications, but also for emergency use.

CLASSES AND HOLIDAYS FOR TERM 1 AND 2 2012

Each term of the kids' classes consists of 9 classes. We usually do not run classes on public holidays. However, please note 3 significant differences that will occur in 2012:

1. There will be **no break** between Term 1 and Term 2
ie the two 9-week terms will run one after the other.
2. The Kids Show full dress rehearsal at the studio is on Tue 1 May (Labour Day).
3. There will be classes on Sat 5 May (Vesak Day).

Please refer to the attached Term Schedule to confirm what dates your kids classes are.

CLASS ATTIRE

Good grooming is part of the etiquette of a dance class and is essential for discipline in dance. As stated in the end of Term 4's letter of 2011, please ensure that your child is in the appropriate uniform and shoes. With effect from 2012, all girls in the Ballet, Jazz and Tap programme are required to have their hair in a bun for class. Boys and girls with short hair are required to have their hair neat and tidy. Please be advised that teachers may refuse entry to students who are inappropriately groomed for dance class. For help on how to tie a neat and tidy hair bun, see our simple tutorial:

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYBwDCpPR4Y>]

To help the kids who are doing multiple genres to get to their next class quickly, the teachers have agreed as follows:

- Ballet class -> Jazz or Tap class
If your child's first class is a Ballet class, please have your child dressed in the Ballet attire. When going into Jazz or Tap class, please have your child take off the Ballet shoes, and put on the black capri and appropriate shoes.
- Jazz or Tap class -> Ballet class
If your child's first class is a Jazz / Tap class, please have your child wear the Ballet tights under the Jazz / Tap leotard and the black capri with the appropriate shoes. When going into Ballet class, please remove the black capri and put on Ballet shoes.
- This arrangement is only applicable to kids with back-to-back classes in Ballet, Jazz and Tap.
- All other kids are expected to be in the appropriate uniforms and shoes for their classes.

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STUDIO RECITAL AND KIDS SHOW – SUN 13 MAY 2012, DRAMA CENTRE

We will be only doing ONE production this year. The teachers will be working towards the Kids Show items in Terms 1 and 2 of 2012. As our Kids calendar is getting more crowded with competitions and exams, we believe focusing on one Kids Show in the year will produce better results.

Preparations for next year’s Kids Show have already begun. Consent forms for the 2012 Kids Show are attached and must be **returned by the first class in Term 1 of 2012**. As choreographies have to be confirmed and costumes to be tailored, we will not be able to accept last minute additions to the cast of the show.

We do encourage each child to perform as we believe stagecraft is an important component in dance education and each performance helps build confidence, as well as a sense of team work and achievement. With the Kids Show as a goal in mind, the children focus themselves to learning and it is impressive what these young dancers can achieve.

Whether your child is participating or not, please fill in the consent form and return it to reception by Sun 15 Jan 2012, or you will be getting calls from us! We will be tailoring costumes from mid January, so please understand that late entries cannot be entertained.

Special note for Sun’s Hip Hop 3 students:

Hip Hop 3 students (Sun 10am, 1230pm, 130pm and 430pm) will be performing in one combined item for the Kids Show. During weeks #6 to #8 (22 Apr, 29 Apr, and 6 May) there will a combined 2-hr class from 1230 to 230pm instead of the usual class time. This is for the instructor to work with the kids on blocking and dancing together as a group. For kids who opt out of the Kids Show, please note that their classes during these 3 specified weeks will be at 430pm instead of the usual class times.

Venue : Drama Centre

Date & Time

Full Dress Rehearsal at the studio : Tue 1 May 2012, 12 to 6pm
 Full Dress Rehearsal at Drama Centre : Sat 12 May 2012, 9am to 4pm
 Actual Show date & time : Sun 13 May 2012, 3pm (Call time 11am)

Costume fee (per child per item per costume) : S\$80

2012 KIDS COURSE RATES

As announced in June 2011, please take note of the fees from 1 Jan 2012.

All Jitterbugs Swingapore Kids Courses - Ballet, Hip Hop, Jazz, Tap, Dance Babes		All Circus Swingapore Kids Courses - Circus Arts, Acrobatics	
TERMS	MEMBERS' RATE	TERMS	MEMBERS' RATE
One 9-week term	\$135	One 9-week term	\$225
Two 9-week terms	\$135 x 2, less 5% = \$256.50	Two 9-week terms	\$225 x 2, less 5% = \$427.50
Three 9-week terms	\$135 x 3, less 10% = \$364.50	Three 9-week terms	\$225 x 3, less 10% = \$607.50
Four or more 9-week terms	\$135 x No. of terms, less 15%	Four or more 9-week terms	\$225 x No. of terms, less 15%

The above discounts apply if your child is

1. Taking more than one dance style.
2. Paying for more than one term.
3. Paying together with siblings for one or more term.
4. Other terms and conditions may apply.

Please e-mail us at dance@swingapore.com if you need further clarification. Thank you for your kind attention and your continued support. Here’s to a great 2012!

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