



The Marylebone Ballet School & Vacani Ballet, Bayswater

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Easter Newsletter 2009

BABY NEWS

My husband and I are very happy to announce that we are expecting our 3rd baby, at the end of July. My two sons are very pleased that they will be having another brother and so far all has been going well with my pregnancy.

I will continue to teach next term until Saturday 16th May, when my 'Tuesday' children have taken their exam.

I will also be present at the other children's exam day, although I will not be teaching any more classes until after the birth of my baby.

I have a lovely teacher to cover my maternity leave called Jo Gravem.

Jo Meredith will continue to be our assistant on a Tuesday, and will be on hand to help with any queries as always.

JO GRAVEM

Jo has assisted and covered a few classes this term, so some of the children will have seen her already.

She is a fully qualified 'Cecchetti' ballet teacher (FDI,) and has been teaching 'Cecchetti' ballet at several schools in London for the last few years, as well as entering pupils for their 'Cecchetti' examinations. Jo will be assisting my classes after

Easter and will then take on the teaching once I go on maternity leave and will obviously continue to teach during the 'Autumn term' whilst I continue my leave.

Jo is getting married in the summer and is very excited about joining the ballet schools. She has thoroughly enjoyed assisting and teaching the children already, and commented on how good they all have been. Please visit the website for further information on Jo. (www.maryleboneballet.co.uk or www.vacaniballet.co.uk, and click on 'staff').

SNOW DAYS !!

We have experienced some severe weather this term, with the very bad snow we had in February.

It is always difficult to assess what the best thing to do is with running classes or not when this type of thing occurs? In my past experience it is quite disruptive to parents, children and staff to try and cancel classes so we really do our best to keep the school open and classes running as normal.

I am in constant contact with my staff to know if it is possible for them to get into the school or not, and try to keep parents informed if we need to cancel classes. We obviously don't have the same sort of access to radio stations, or someone on site to put up notices, so for future reference if we have any severe weather conditions that may threaten classes there is always a message on my telephone 07887 - 5734 390 with up to date information and I am able to be in constant contact with my web designer who puts a 'newsflash' article on the 'home' page with up to date information.

I hope this is helpful and useful to keep you all informed.

EXAMS

As some of you are aware we are holding two exam sessions this term, on Saturday 16th May and Saturday 6th June. Please note there will be no Saturday classes on either of these days.

Your terms fees have accounted for this, and you will therefore have been invoiced for 10 lessons next term in total (Saturdays only). Children have to have reached the age of 5 before they are allowed to take their first exam, and as teachers we only enter children who we feel have achieved the necessary standard to take the exam and want them to have a positive experience. Please feel free to talk to your child's teacher or myself if you have any other queries about the examinations. The exams are seen as a positive achievement for the children to work towards, giving them a focus and goal. We try to make them a positive and happy experience, and hope that all the children taking part this term enjoy their day and wish them every luck to do well.

FEES

Please try to ensure all fees are paid prior or at the start of each term, I do not charge any additional costs for late payments but it is inconvenient, and I am also holding waiting lists for some of the classes, and therefore could fill your child's space. I would also like to bring to your attention our 'terms and conditions' (please see website), which just reminds parents that the fees are non-returnable or refundable if your child misses classes due to illness or holidays etc. Thank you for your understanding regarding this.



Finally, I hope you all have a great Easter and I look forward to seeing you all in April.

Kezia

P.S. Please turn over to see
Summer Term Dates and Timetable.