

Helen's School of Dance

Dear Parents

I have a couple of things I need to remind everyone about.

- Firstly can everyone entering the school please sign in. We have to answer to health & safety regulations and are often asked to provide evidence of people signing in. Can I also remind you that if the fire alarm was to sound then everyone should evacuate the building and line up on the field where we can do a roll call with the registers & signing in book. (Please note that if your child is being taught in the hall then we are responsible for them & we will evacuate them from the building.)
- There have been lots of lost property lately and very few items are named. Please label all dance clothes and shoes, so we can get them back to you.
- Can I also remind you that the children's hair needs to be tied up for dancing and that jewellery should not be worn. We still have lots of pupils coming into class with earrings in and asking for tape. I'm sure a lot of them have had their ears pierced for longer than 6 weeks and we will be asking them to be removed.
- Now that the evenings are drawing in, Can I ask the parents of Juniors 3&4 to come to the door & collect your children, as we cant see who is in the car, plus the children are running out across the playground in the dark where cars are driving.
- We are now well into preparations for the show, and I would like to ask if anyone would like to help with cutting costumes out or sewing them up, please see me as every little bit of help makes it easier for us. (please don't be afraid of having ago as I will show you how to do everything!!!)
- If anyone would like to be a chaperone and help back stage at the show (Not one your child is in) and have a CRB certificate please see me as soon as possible.
- Can I also remind all parents that our dancing school policy of no pants to be worn under costumes. If anyone has a problem with this then you should see me asap. As to not upset the child/children on the day of the show.

Here are some dates for your diaries:

Wednesday 17 th December.....	Inters/Seniors normal times
Thursday 18 th December.....	No Adult Tap, Advanced 7pm till 9pm
Saturday 20 th December.....	Dancing at the following times: Babies show 1 as normal Babies show 2 as normal All juniors 1 & 2 11am till 1pm All Juniors 3 & 4 1pm till 3.30pm
Wednesday 24 th December.....	No Dancing
Thursday 25 th December.....	No Dancing
Saturday 27 th December.....	No Dancing
Wednesday 31 st December.....	No Dancing
Thursday 1 st January.....	No Dancing
Saturday 3 rd January.....	Dancing back to normal times
Saturday 7 th February	Dance School 25 th Anniversary Party @ the Kingfisher Details To follow
Saturday 14 th February.....	Tickets go on sale at 9.30am on a 1 st come 1 st served basis Ticket prices are as follows Dress Circle.....£12.00 Stalls.....£11.00 Upper Circle.....£10.00
Saturday 21 st February	Costumes to be given out at the following times: Babies Show 1.....9.40am Babies Show 2.....10.40am Juniors 1&2 Show 1.....12.30pm Juniors 1&2 Show 2.....2.30pm

Juniors 3&4.....5.00pm

Wednesday 25th February..... Inters.....6.30pm

Each child will need a parent present at the above times for them to see the
Costume examples and ask any questions.

Saturday 7th MarchDancing as normal

The Photographer will be at dancing from 9am till 5pm, on this day. She will take many photos for you for a £1
deposit per photo (refundable with a order) (Further details will follow)

Sunday 8th MarchDress Rehearsal for Babies, and all Juniors (details to follow)

Wednesday 11th MarchNormal Dancing for inters & Seniors

Thursday 12th March..... Dress Rehearsal for Inters, Seniors Advanced, Adult Tap
Details to follow

Wednesday 18th February.....Inters & Seniors dancing as normal. Photographer present (See
above note.)

Saturday 21st MarchDancing at the following times:

Babies Show 1.....9am – 10am

Babies Show 2.....10am – 11am

Juniors 1,2,3,4 Show 1.....11am – 1pm

Juniors 1,2,3,4 Show 2.....1pm – 3pm

Sunday 22nd March.....Show 1 – details to follow

Wednesday 25th March Inters show 2, Seniors, Advanced & Adult tap Times to
follow

Thursday 26th March.....No dancing

Saturday 28th March..... Dancing at the following times:

Babies Show 2..... 9am – 10am

Junior 1 & 2 Show 2..... 10am – 12noon

Juniors 3 & 4 Show 2..... 12 – 2pm

NO DANCING FOR SHOW 1 PUPILS

Sunday 29th MarchShow 2.....details to follow

Wednesday 1st April.....No dancing

Thursday 2nd April.....No dancing

Saturday 5th April.....Dancing at the following times:

All Babies 9am – 10am

All Juniors 1 & 2 10am – 12noon

All Juniors 3 & 4 12 till 2.30pm

Saturday 11th April.....All Dancing back to normal times.

May I also take this opportunity to request that a £15 contribution from each child in the babies, a £20 contribution from the juniors 1,2,3,4, a £23 contribution from the Inters and a £25 contribution from the seniors and advanced to go towards the cost of the costumes. (If it makes it easier for those with more than one child in the show or like a lot of us struggling with ever increasing overheads you can pay small amounts weekly from now until you complete your payment). Can I also ask that if anyone has a problem with giving this contribution, that they see me and not Joyce, thank you.

While I'm still working on costume designs I have started a list of some of the things your child will need for the show. Thank you

BABIES.....White satin ballet shoes. Yellow t-shirt available from Joyce for £2. Black ballet shoes. White tap shoes. Black pumps

JUNIORS 1 & 2.....White satin ballet shoes, (to be handed in to Joyce by Saturday 11th January to be dyed turquoise.) Green Hawaiian Hula Skirt & Hawaiian flower garlands for the wrists, around the neck and hair available from Joyce for £4. Child's own bikini any colour. Tan shimmer stirrup tights and tan shimmer tights.

JUNIORS 3 & 4.....White satin ballet shoes. (to be handed into Joyce by Saturday January 11th to be dyed green). Straw coloured Hawaiian skirt & Hawaiian flower garlands for around the neck wrists and on the head. available from Joyce for £6. Tan shimmer stirrup tights and tan shimmer tights.

INTERMEDIATES.....black ballet or point shoes both with ribbons on (like point shoes). Black lycra hot pants. Own 80s style fave costume. Plain Black over the knee socks.

SENIORS..... Black New Yorker/Character shoes. Plain black dance sneakers. Own black sleeveless leotard for the acro dance.

ADVANCED.....pink ballet practise shoes.

As soon as I have any more details regarding any of the above I will let you know.

The full costume lists will go out with the costumes, but if you are unsure of any of the above please come and see me.

All copies of any letters are available on our web site www.helensschoolofdance.co.uk

Thank you

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