

## **Twinkle tots Summer Term 2014 Newsletter**

Dear Parents

Before I start with the newsletter; for those new to Twinkle Tots, we send out all bills for the autumn term via email. If you have not received a bill by the end of July it means that your fee invoice email has gone directly to your Junk Mail folder! This may happen the first time you receive the fee email invoice as it has a PDF attachment, and mail programs like Outlook will automatically send the email to Junk Mail. Please allow emails from [james@twinkletotsdance.com](mailto:james@twinkletotsdance.com) and add Twinkle Tots Dance to your Safe Senders List and then all should be fine going forwards.

We've had a very busy term at Twinkle Tots Dance, with a set of RAD ballet exams in June, wedding bells in the air for Miss Louise in August, a new venue due to open in Horton, expanding classes at Sunningdale, welcoming a new teacher Miss Katherine Husband to our team, and gearing up for our spectacular Disney Dancers Summer School to finish the academic year off with some Tinkerbelle magic. Time to put those feet up and enjoy the sunshine!

### **Autumn term Dates 2014**

Start: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2014

Term ends: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2014

### **Disney Dancers – Summer School 2014**

There are a few spaces left in Miss Louise's summer school from the 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> August at Sunningdale Village Hall for children age 2 and up. This year's theme is Disney Dancers. There are three age groups; Twinkle Tots 2-4 year olds, Budding Ballerina's 4-5 year olds, and RAD Ballet group for 6 year olds and up. The Twinkle Tots group meets daily from 3-4pm. Budding Ballerina's and RAD ballet groups meet daily from 4-5.30pm. All groups do a daily ballet class, followed by some art and craft where they make their own props for their show. The children help create their own ballet show, based around their favourite Disney characters ready to show friends and family on the Friday. You can pay per day £8 for Twinkle Tots or £12 for Budding Ballerina's / RAD. Or you can pay for the whole week £35 for Twinkle Tots, £60 for Budding Ballerina's / RAD. For further information or to book your place please email [summerschool@twinkletotsdance.com](mailto:summerschool@twinkletotsdance.com) or call 07828 857061. And here's a sneaky peak of the Tinkerbelle costumes they're going to wear!



Tinkerbelle costume for summer school.

### **New Horton classes opening September 2014**

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September, Miss Louise will start up new Twinkle tots dance classes in Champney Hall, Horton, near Wraysbury. Classes will be held on Fridays with a 2-3 year old group from 2-2.30pm and then a 3-4 year old class from 2.30-3pm. We are offering two weeks of no obligation taster sessions to anyone who wishes to try this new venue out. Just contact Maggie on [maggie@twinkletotsdance.com](mailto:maggie@twinkletotsdance.com) or 07828 857061 to book.

### **RAD Ballet Exams success**

On Sunday 15th March, 8 pupils from our Sunningdale branch took Royal Academy of Dance Grade 1 and Grade 2 ballet exams. They were trained and coached by Miss Gina Allwood. Thanks to Miss Gina for all the hard work she's put in to getting the girls ready for their exams. Results are due in August.



From left to right: Charlotte Manly, Millie Preston and Poppy Pitman who took Grade 2 ballet.



From left to right: Amber Bailey and Emilia McKinney warming up at the barre.

### **Miss Louise is Getting Married**

On Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup>, Miss Louise our Windsor and Burnham teacher will be tying the knot to her fiancé Gavin Bell. I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing Louise and Gavin all the best for their special day, and we can't wait to see the pictures of the beautiful bride on our face book page. If you'd like to leave a message for Miss Louise please join our Face book group and add a comment.

### **Please join us on Face Book!**

We have a Twinkle Tots Dance Face Book Group. It's a closed group meaning it's private, and accessible only to Twinkle Tots Dance parents, and therefore safe to share our photos. Search for Twinkle Tots Dance Group by clicking on this link <http://www.facebook.com/groups/416719711724562/> and request to be added. We will post regular updates of classes, workshops and performances so it's the best way to keep up to date with everything that's going on.

### **Welcome Miss Katherine Husband ISTD DDI**



### **Miss Katherine Husband**

In September, we will be welcoming a new teacher to our Twinkle Tots team. Her name is Miss Katherine Husband. She will be teaching Twinkle Tots dance classes in Woking at the Lightbox, and will also be team teaching with Miss Antonia on a Saturday in Windsor as well as joining our team of Twinkle Tots Party entertainers. Miss Katherine studied at Stella Mann College, graduating in 2013 with a National Diploma in Professional Dance and her Imperial Society for Teachers of Dancing Diploma in Dance Instruction. Whilst in training at Stella Mann Katherine took part in numerous shows and performances. She also gained the chance to dance at corporate events such as the 'Make a Wish Charity Ball' at the Dorchester Hotel and 'Move It' a dance convention at London Olympia. Katherine then furthered her teaching training by completing her certificate in Dance Education at the ISTD Kingston Teacher Training College graduating this year. Previously Katherine has taught at the Jeanne Bamforth School of Dancing, and currently teaches at The Louise Hudson School of Dance. Like all our teachers Katherine holds a DBS police check, public liability insurance and she is also a first aider. Katherine is really excited to be joining the Twinkle Tots team and looks forward to meeting all the pupils in Woking and Windsor.

### **Term Fees 2014 / 15**

Term fees will be increasing in September 2014. We haven't raised term fees in 4 and a half years, conscious of the recession but going forward we will increase fees in small increments annually to reflect increasing rates / rent and running costs. In an effort to keep classes affordable we will continue to offer the 25% sibling and multiple class discounts.

Term fees for 2014 / 15:

All 30 minute classes: £63 per term (increase of 25p per class)

All 45 minute classes: £88 (increase of 30p per class)

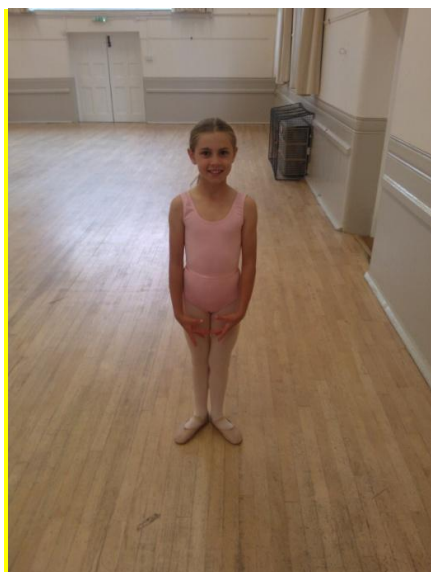
### **Did you know we do parties?**

Did you know that Twinkle Tots Dance do Birthday parties. Imagine a real ballerina turning you in a tutu at your child's party ready to take them on fun ballet adventures, ballet party games, ballet birthday presents, ballet themed party bags for all your guests and even a Pointe shoe piñata! For more information and a quote please contact Miss Louise on [parties@twinkletotsdance.com](mailto:parties@twinkletotsdance.com)

### **Ballet Uniform**

For those of you who are not aware, we do sell RAD-approved ballet uniform through the website. You can place an order directly through the Twinkle Tots Dance website, [www.twinkletotsdance.com](http://www.twinkletotsdance.com) Your order will be posted to you using Royal Mail first class for a standard £3.00 fee. Alternatively, please collect a form from your teacher and post your order form to us. Address details are on the website as well as the order form.

### **Pupil Focus – Amber Bailey**



Amber Bailey is age 9 years old. She is a Grade 3 ballet pupil at Sunningdale. Her teacher is Miss Gina Allwood. She's been dancing with Twinkle Tots Dance since she was two and a half years old. Her favourite ballet step is turns. She is friends with Emilia and Poppy in class and she wants to be an athlete or ballerina when she's older.

### **Sunningdale expanding**

Our Sunningdale classes are so popular that in September we will be expanding to accommodate our older children who have stayed with us right the way through from Twinkle tots up to grade 3 ballet. Please see below the new Friday timetable:

3.45-4.15pm: Twinkle tots dance 2-4 year olds

4.15-5pm: Budding Ballerina's (4-5 year olds

5-5.45pm: RAD Primary 6-7 year olds

5.45-6.30pm: RAD Grade1 ballet 7-8 year olds

6.30-7.15pm RAD Grade 2 ballet 9-10yearolds

7.15-8pm RAD Grade 3 ballet 11 yrs +

A few times a year the hall has long standing bookings with the local Holy Trinity school so we will only be able to use the hall until 6.30pm. Two of those dates are on the 10<sup>th</sup> Oct and 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014, so for those weeks the Primary and Grade 1 classes will combine at 5-5.45pm and the Grade 1 and 2 classes will combine at 5.45-6.30pm.

Have a wonderful summer holidays, enjoy the sunshine and we look forward to seeing you next term.

Maggie.

Director – Twinkle Tots Dance.