

Bluefins Lessons News



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Gift Aid



Thank you to those taxpayers who have filled in the Gift Aid form. It will make a huge difference to the work the Club is able to do in the community. If you haven't returned your form, it's not too late – or you may receive a phone call from one of our band of parents, in which case you can get it sorted over the phone.

New teachers



In spite of my worries in the summer, we have managed to secure the help of several new teachers, meaning that we have not had to combine as many groups as I'd expected. We are delighted to welcome:

Lorcan Sarah Lucinda
Camilla Zoe Megan

In addition, April has qualified as a Level 1 teacher – she has been a Water Helper for several years and has been able to teach shallow water groups, but is now qualified to teach all groups.

Jason is still with us, teaching extra hours to save for his World tour in January. We wish him good luck and a safe trip and will look forward to hearing about his adventures when he returns.

Water Helpers



As you will have noticed, we have a large band of Water Helpers who commit their time to helping our children learn to swim. I am always

looking for new helpers and at the moment, we need help on Sundays at Cranbourne from 10-11 am and on Thursdays at QMC from 4-5 pm. Helpers must be at least 13 years old and competent swimmers – boys and girls welcome. We pay a small hourly rate and encourage our helpers to go on to take their teaching awards. If you know someone who might be interested, please put him or her in touch.

Certificates and badges



Please note that requests for Awards should be sent to me now, not to Kate. I am quite happy to receive requests by email – but

please keep to the closing date so that I can get Awards out before Christmas!!!

Notice of termination of lessons

In spite of many pleas, we still have problems with a very few people cancelling their Direct Debits without first informing us and giving the required notice period. This actually costs us money, as we have to pay the bank for any change that is made to our Direct Debit request. To enable us to keep our costs down, we need to watch these payments carefully. So PLEASE be fair to all our members and give us the required notice period (one full calendar month) before cancelling.

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Club Website: www.swimbluefins.org

Provisional Lessons Programme Nov 06

Mon	CB	5.00	1	2	3	4	6
		5.30	2	2	2	3/4	
		6.00	1 (8+)	7	8		
Tue	CB	5.00	1	2	3	5	6
		5.30	2	2	3	4	6
		6.00	1	8	PreF		
Wed	CB	5.00	1	2	3	5	
		5.30	2	2	3/4	6	
		6.00	1	7	8		
Thur	QMC	4.00	1	2	3	5	
		4.30	1	2	3	4	6
		5.00	7	7	8	PreF	
Fri	CB	6.30	1	1	3	5	
		7.00	2	2	3/4	6	
		7.30	7	PreF			
Sat	CB	9.30	7	8	PreF		
		10.00	1	2	3	6	
		10.30	1	2	3	5	
		11.00	1	2	4	5	
		11.30	7	8			
Sun	CB	9.30	7	8	PreF		
		10.00	1	2	3	4	6
		10.30	2	Tads	Tads	Tads	Tads
		11.00	1	2	3	4	5



BASINGSTOKE BLUEFINS/CYSTIC FIBROSIS TRUST - CHARITY SWIM – 3rd February 2007

You may be aware that The Cystic Fibrosis Trust (CF Trust) is the charity partner of our club. In previous years, we have raised funds for this charity, but we have not done so recently. 'CF' affects over 2 million people in the UK, and is the UK's most common life-threatening inherited disease, which affects all vital organs – especially the lungs and pancreas. CF Trust funds research aimed at understanding, treating and curing Cystic Fibrosis. To find out more about CF Trust visit www.cftrust.org.uk Basingstoke Bluefins is also planning to install stadium seating at the Aquadrome 25m pool, as the seats were omitted in the original building due to insufficient funds. The club wishes to play its part in the local community and has stated its aim of raising the funds needed to pay for this.

We are pleased to announce the Bluefins/CF Trust charity swim on Saturday 3rd February 2007. The proceeds from this will be split 50/50, and we hope to raise £20,000 including reclaiming as much tax as possible from the Inland Revenue, via all sponsors agreeing to 'Gift Aid'.

Lessons children can come along to Cranbourne School between 12 and 3 pm. Swimmers can elect to swim any distance between 5 metres and 1500 metres within their allocated time slot. **Children will be given an ASA badge and certificate for the distance they swim.** (On Monday 29th January from 5.15, our squad members will be doing a similar timed swim at the Aquadrome).

We will also need the help of some parents on the day to count laps. You should be able to track the progress of the charity swim on the Bluefins website.

At this stage, all we need you to do is to SAY YES to helping two charities. It will cost you nothing and you will enjoy yourselves helping both organisations. The serious fund-raising comes in a month, when you will be sent sponsorship forms. You can ask your friends and relatives, at home and at work. There will be a prize for the most funds raised by each boy and each girl !!

If you have any questions, please ask Sue Lambert. Alternatively e-mail the club, or use the Forum on the website.

Looking forward to your help,
Basingstoke Bluefins Swimming Club Committee

Just fill in the form, tear it off, and hand it (or post it) to Sue or put it in the drop box at Cranbourne or QMC. You can even e-mail it to sue.lambert@swimbluefins.org

tear off here _____

BASINGSTOKE BLUEFINS/CF TRUST CHARITY SWIM
3rd February 2007 - AT CRANBOURNE SCHOOL, BASINGSTOKE



NAME OF SWIMMER (Please print)

ADDRESS _____

I would like my child to take part in the sponsored swim on 3rd Feb 2007, and raise money for CF Trust/Bluefins. Please register him/her for the event, and send me an information pack.

Signature _____(Parent/carer) Date _____