

# Bluefins Lessons News



July 2008



## New National Teaching Plan

This has been coming for several years and Bluefins is now ready to implement the new system. I believe it will benefit your children and make for good teaching. Our teachers and helpers have had training and are all raring to go!!

I have included a letter written by the ASA for parents – if you want more details, the British Swimming website will help.

We have organised the groups for September to suit the new plan. We will now use colour names for our groups so as to prevent confusion with the old groups. The new standards are not exactly equivalent to the old!! During our assessments this term, we have taken into account the new criteria – but please bear with us if you think your child is in the wrong group. Once the lessons are underway we will be able to see any mistakes and put them right – but in each group, there are new things to be learned that have not been assessed previously. We will take our time and make changes when necessary. Thank you for your support and understanding!!

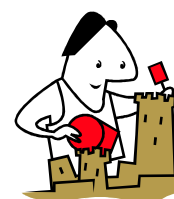
## Water Helpers

With the new plan, we will need extra water helpers, not only to assist the children, but also to demonstrate to them what is required. If you have a family member who is a good swimmer, patient with children, prepared to commit to an hour or so every week and aged 13+, please contact me.

## Summer Break

Lessons stop for the summer as usual. The last lesson for each day will be:

Mon: 28<sup>th</sup> July  
Tues: 29<sup>th</sup> July  
Wed: 30<sup>th</sup> July  
Thurs: 17<sup>th</sup> July  
Fri: 25<sup>th</sup> July  
Sat: 26<sup>th</sup> July  
Sun: 20<sup>th</sup> July



Dates may be different to those originally published due to the week's closure at Cranbourne in May. Unfortunately, we are unable to extend Sunday lessons as the pool isn't available. We will make refunds to Sunday parents shortly.

We start back again on 1<sup>st</sup> September - please see the enclosed Lesson Confirmation letter for start dates and times next term.

## Intensive Holiday Course August 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 2008



We have a holiday course planned between 1.30 and 4pm on the above dates. These courses are not only great fun, but give children chance to consolidate what they've learned in lessons and by swimming every day for a week, they learn more quickly. There are spaces still available, so please contact me if you or your friends are interested. The course is a real bargain at £7.50 for the whole week!



## Website

Whenever possible, Bluefins puts messages on its website – so in times of stress, please check the website so you know what's going on: [www.swimbluefins.org](http://www.swimbluefins.org)



## Email, mobiles and updates



As you probably know, I use email and text messages frequently. PLEASE let me know if your email address changes – I had a few complaints during the unexpected closure in May that I hadn't let parents know – only to find that the email address on my records was incorrect. Every term, I send you a copy of the details I have – please check these and let me know if anything has changed.



## Club Championships

Congratulations to all those swimmers from lessons that swam in the Club Championships in May. We had the largest entry ever from lessons and everyone was very impressive!

Special mention goes to:

**Harry Liles** – 1<sup>st</sup> U/9 200m Freestyle  
**Hazel Trayler** – 3<sup>rd</sup> U/10 25m Freestyle  
**Mia Batten** – 3<sup>rd</sup> U/10 25m Freestyle  
**Oliver Hanger** – 2<sup>nd</sup> U/9 25m Freestyle  
**Joe Batty** – 3<sup>rd</sup> U/10 25m Freestyle  
**Lauren Wyatt** – 1<sup>st</sup> L3/6 25m Freestyle  
**Cally Pettifor** – 2<sup>nd</sup> L3/6 25m Freestyle  
**Molly Brown** – 3<sup>rd</sup> L3/6 25m Freestyle  
**Daniel Morton** – 1<sup>st</sup> L3/6 25m Freestyle  
**Callum Johnson** – 2<sup>nd</sup> L3/6 25m Freestyle  
**Henry Chui** – 3<sup>rd</sup> L3/6 25m Freestyle  
**Samantha Girle** – 3<sup>rd</sup> U/9 25m Backstroke  
**Anna Parker** – 2<sup>nd</sup> U/10 25m Backstroke  
**Oliver Hanger** – 2<sup>nd</sup> U/9 25m Backstroke  
**Joe Batty** – 3<sup>rd</sup> U/10 25m Breaststroke

I don't have space here for all the results, but you can find them all on the Bluefins Website. More importantly, we all had great fun!

In addition, the following swimmers achieved **third place overall** in their age groups – for these awards, the swims are added together to find the three best boys and girls in each age group. Bearing in mind they were competing against swimmers in our squads, they deserve a special pat on the back!

**Samantha Girle** – 8 & Under  
**Anna Parker** – Age 9  
**Oliver Hanger** – 8 & Under

## Updated Teacher qualifications

Congratulations to Lucy Winter, Luke Bambridge and Rachel Campbell for passing their L1 Teachers courses.

Steph Clark has returned from Uni, a qualified physiotherapist, and is taking her L2 Teachers course this month. Thea Cherrett, Ashika Mistry, Joanna Clarke and Laura Beard all passed their National Pool Lifeguard qualifications this summer – well done to them all.

## Certificates and Badges



As most of you know, our teachers assess your children on an ongoing basis throughout each term. Then, towards the end of the term, you receive a report and notification if your child has achieved an ASA Award. Because this is the last time we will be using the 'old' Awards, I will only order those that are requested, rather than having a stock. So please return your slip or send me an email request as soon as you receive the report. Ducklings Awards will continue as before.

## Provisional Lessons Programme from Sept 08

Mon	CB	5.00	R	O	Y	Y	G	
		5.30	R	O	Y	Y	S	
		6.00	B	P				
Tue	CB	5.00	R	O	Y	S	S	
		5.30	R	O	Y	Y	G	
		6.00	R	B	P			
Wed	CB	5.00	R	Y	Y	S		
		5.30	O	O	Y	G		
		6.00	R	B	P			
Thur	QMC	4.00	R	Y	Y	S		
		4.30	O	O	Y	Y	G	
		5.00	B	P				
Fri	CB	6.30	R	O	Y	G		
		7.00	O	Y	Y	S		
		7.30	B	P				
Sat	CB	9.30	B	P				
		10.00	R	O	Y	Y	G	
		10.30	R	O	Y	Y	S	
		11.00	R	O	Y	Y		
		11.30	O	B	P			
Sun	CB	9.30	R	O	B	P		
		10.00	R	O	Y	Y	G	
		10.30	Tadpoles x 5					
		11.00	R	O	Y	Y	S	

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**Club Website:** [www.swimbluefins.org](http://www.swimbluefins.org)