

Bluefins Lessons News



March 2008



Spring Break

As Easter has passed, some of us are quite confused about when lessons will be running. The last lesson for this term

is as follows:

Mon: 31st March

Tues: 1st April

Wed: 2nd April

Thurs: 3rd April

Fri: 4th April

Sat: 5th April

Sun: 6th April

We start back again on 21st April - please see the enclosed Lesson Confirmation letter for start dates next term.

Intensive Holiday Course August 08

We ran one of our popular courses in the February Half Term and are planning another for the summer break - probably one of the first two weeks in August - I am waiting for Cranbourne to confirm a date. 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. Watch this space - details will be out as soon as I can confirm days and times.

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

Contacting Sue



Those of you who have seen me hobbling around poolside lately will realise that I have a problem getting about - I am about to have a hip replacement. This should be all over by the time we return to lessons in April, but I will be unable to drive or be on poolside, probably until after the May half term. Consequently, I would ask you to please make sure you contact me by phone or email and send any payments or paperwork to my home address and not try to give them to anyone on poolside. Thanks in advance!!!

Club Championships



If your child is in Level 3 or above you will find enclosed an entry form for Bluefins Club Championships which takes place on Sunday 25th May at the Aquadrome. Children in Levels 3 - 6 may swim one length of the pool, using any stroke or combination of strokes. Children in Levels 7 - 9 may enter up to 4 races. They will need to be able to swim 25metres of each stroke to a high standard. I would suggest that most of our children in these groups can swim Freestyle or Backstroke, but that with Breaststroke or Butterfly, you should check with your child's teacher whether it would be sensible to enter these more technical strokes.

I am hoping to be able to organise a practice session at the Aquadrome before the Championships so that your child will be more prepared for 'the big day'. More news on this when the date and time are confirmed.

Sponsored swim

Well done to all those who took part in the Sponsored Swim. Children in our lessons Programme excelled and raised even more than last year for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and for the Club. Apologies to those who are waiting for badges, you will receive them soon, but we are still waiting for some sponsorship money to be handed in – if you still have yours, please get it in as soon as you can.

Teacher’s News

Margaret Pavier: those of you who swim on Mondays will know that Margaret has been ill for several months. She is no longer in hospital, but is still very poorly and undergoing tests to try to pinpoint the problem. Margaret has taught for the club for many years and is greatly missed – I’m sure you will want to join me in wishing her well and hoping for a speedy recovery.

Updated Teacher qualifications

Lucy Winter took her Level 1 Teachers course in February. And Amelia McDougall, Luke Bambridge and Rachel Campbell start their courses in May. Rachel Stephenson, Rebecca Stephenson and Amy Barnes took their ASA Poolside Helper qualifications in January and Sophie Gatum has just completed her Level 2 Teachers course. These courses are time consuming and demanding, so well done to those who’ve completed them and good luck to those soon to start!

Anyone wanting to get involved and become a helper or teacher should contact Sue (details below)

Goodbye.....

To Kerry and Jemma Sampford who will not be teaching for us next term – although we hope they may fill in from time to time when possible.

And welcome back.....

To Kate who is covering on Thursdays this term while Sue is not able to get to the pool, and to Noreen who is filling in on Wednesdays while she is ‘between holidays’.

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. To claim your child’s Award, all you need to do is let me know you’d like it (not all families collect their awards). You can return the slip at the bottom of your report, or you can request the Award by email. I know what is due to each child, so I am then able to send off for Certificates and arrange to get them to you. **There is no cost involved to you – this is all included in your child’s lesson fee.**

Provisional Lessons Programme from April 08

Mon	CB	5.00	1		3	4	5
		5.30	1	2	3	4	6
		6.00	7	8			
Tue	CB	5.00	1	2	3	6	6
		5.30	1	2	4	5	
		6.00	7	8	9		
Wed	CB	5.00	1	3	4	6	
		5.30	2	2	3	5	
		6.00	1	7	8	9	
Thur	QMC	4.00	1	3	4	6	
		4.30	2	2	3	4	5
		5.00	7	8			
Fri	CB	6.30	1	2	3	5	
		7.00	1	3	4	6	
		7.30	7	8			
Sat	CB	9.30	7	8			
		10.00	1	2	3	4	6
		10.30	1	2	4	5	6
		11.00	1	2	3	4	
		11.30	1	7			
Sun	CB	9.30	7	8	9		
		10.00	1	2	3	4	5
		10.30	Tadpoles x 5				
		11.00	1	2	3	5	6

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