



# Newsletter



## TERM DATES

Our current term completes on Sunday 29th July ( The Birches School, Didsbury completes on Thursday 19th July)

Next term begins the week of Monday 10th September until Sunday 25th November (no classes for half term week 22nd–28th October) for all pools Course fees are £95

**PLEASE REMEMBER TERM DATES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE MEMBERS PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE!**

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## PHOTO SHOOT

Our next photo shoot will take place on Monday 30th July at Splash Pool (Timperley)

Times will begin from 10am

**We will begin taking bookings for this date from Monday 9th July.**

To book a photo shoot your baby must have completed the first course at least AND be comfortable in the water as each picture is a 2-3 second swim.

We have 2 levels to choose from: A basic shoot (£25) where up to 3 pictures of your baby are taken or an enhanced shoot (£40) which includes up to 6 shots and can involve siblings or adults.

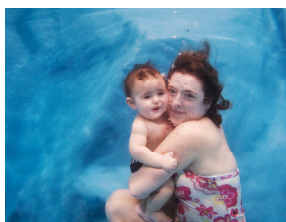
Booking forms, full details of costs and print prices are

available on the photo page and the members page of the website, alternatively please request one from the office.



.As we have now purchased Splash pool we will be offering 4 photo shoot dates each year, some on weekends.

They will also be bookable in advance from the end of September to avoid disappointment



## SPLASH POOL OWNERSHIP!

We are proud to say that at long last Aqua-Babies has taken over ownership of Splash Pool Timperley!

Both Carol and Wendy have been working hard to

Maintain the pool's pristine condition and keep the changing rooms clean. We appreciate your ongoing help in this by keeping all changing areas shoe free zones and removing jewellery and

makeup before entering the water.

We have listened to all customer comments and our first 2 areas of improvements will be the changing rooms flooring, baby changers, showers, (cont...p2

## STAmark

Those of you with older children or more than one Aqua Baby may remember that Aqua Babies was the first baby swim school to pass the STAmark accreditation in 2005.

The award was due for renewal this year and after a re-assessment we are proud to let you know not only did we keep the award we increased the level from a well deserved Merit in 2005 to a full DISTINCTION in 2007!

Assessors looked at all areas of Aqua Babies from classes, teacher training and information to customer care and business reviews.

We continue to encourage customer comments and have added a feedback section to the members page of our website.

## JOIN THE TEAM

Can you see yourself as an Aqua Babies teacher?

Have you loved your classes so much you have thought about becoming part of our team?

As Aqua Babies grows we are looking to train new teachers.

Many of our current teachers began as mums and dads who loved attending classes (including Wendy and Carol!) and later expressed an interest in teaching.

Baby swim tutors are very few and far between, as Wendy is one of those few we are capable of training both in house and flexibly to a high standard with a nationally recognised certificate.

If you are outgoing and would enjoy working in a teaching environment contact Wendy at the office.

## MANCHESTER RUN

Two of our teachers successfully completed the Great Manchester Run this May despite the heat!

Congratulations to both Paula and Helen and a big thank you to all those who Sponsored them.

Proceeds of over £500 will be split between MediEuip4kids (a North West based charity that helps children in and out of hospital) and New Bridge Special school, Oldham

Any further contributions would be much appreciated and can be handed to your teacher.

### WEB ADDRESS

[www.aquababies.co.uk](http://www.aquababies.co.uk)

Unsure or forgotten your term dates?

The 'members' page has term dates and current/past news letters. As well as informing you of Photo shoot dates.

## SUMMER TIME'S HERE!

As the summer break approaches teachers are often asked about holiday swimming and practicalities.

Shall I use armbands? Is one of the most common questions. This is a very personal choice. we warn against over use especially for our 2 and 3 year olds as a dependence can occur and be hard to beat! The use of back packs, rings, and baby seats is nice for a relax for short periods when combined with fun and current swimming skills learnt at class.

Please do practise over the summer period even if you are not planning on going away.

Remember if you are practising in a cooler pool baby wrap warm in water suits are available to buy for babies up to 18 months as well as TYR thermal suits for toddlers and children. TYR suits have both a thin layer of neoprene as well as sun protection factor of over 50 (and look super cool!)

On holiday a spare nappy can come in handy also.

**When practising Aqua Baby skills do not submerge more than you would in a normal session and give your baby lots of breaks.**

**Swimming in the sea is fine also for babies over 6 months, younger than this please be aware of the salt level in the water that may be swallowed, fresh water to clean your baby's face after is a good idea also.**

**Above all keep swimming and have fun!**

### Cheque payments

Please can we politely remind all parents who pay their course fees by cheque that payment is required by the end of week 8 (this term by 15th July). Failure to do so may result in the loss of your priority place. Unfortunately we have had many late payments and some children not returning to a booked course. As we have often turned children away from these places we have to now be strict and insist on the pre payment rule. Thank you for your help here.

### Splash pool cont..

Lighting, heating and toilets). Much of this work will take place during the summer break.

Secondly we are looking at adding U.V. as a form of disinfectant that significantly reduces the level of chlorine needed in the water. As we install this new system we will keep you informed of the great advantages in more detail!

### GOGGLES

After ordering Seal Kids Goggles for use during lessons, for both parents who are heading underwater to watch their baby's swim and toddlers who want to see more! We have been asked time and time again if they are for sale The answer is YES! We have found them to be the best goggles to use, they give a good viewing angle, do not hurt around the eyes or leave deep marks! They are far easier to put on

And look great. We now have them available in pink, blue, green, red and clear costing £12 each. Please let your teacher know should you wish purchase a pair and look as cool as William below!

