



Newsletter



JUNE 2008

TERM DATES

September term begins the week of Monday 8th September through to (and including) the week of Monday 17th November. There is a half term break beginning the week of Monday 27th October (for all classes regardless of school borough)

This is a ten week term

PLEASE REMEMBER TERM DATES FOR THE NEXT YEAR ARE AVAILABLE ON THE MEMBERS PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE SOON!

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Aqua Babies New Office

Aqua Babies recently moved into larger office premises located in Sale Moor.

Please note our new number is **0161 973 1931** and our new address is:

13A Marsland Rd, Sale Moor, M33 3HP

We have increased our staffing levels in the office to cater for your queries and continually improve our standards of customer care.

Julia is available Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.15am to 3pm
We currently have further administration staff training to be available in addition to this.

We also have more phone lines available to cater for our

growing team. This can however mean if Julia is on a call the second line may ring! Please always leave a message with your name and number so we can get straight back to you.

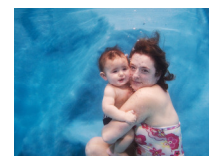


As a team we also take our holidays outside of term times and so have less staff available during holiday periods (when there are no classes) Please feel free to leave messages over the weekends and holidays, however our response may not be as quick as at other times!

Welcome

We would like to introduce you to our newest teacher Felice Hurlstone. Felice has attended classes as a parent with both her children, loving them enough to join our teaching team. This also means she understands your questions, worries and excitement as you progress through our program!

Having completed her training recently Felice has done many hours teaching in the process. She would like to thank all those parents she has worked with for their support and encouragement. She is now teaching classes on a Monday Tuesday and Wednesday at our Timperley pool.



Class fees and cheque payments

As of our September 2008 term Aqua Babies class prices will increase to £10.50 per lesson and Splash About Happy Nappies will increase to £10

This increase, the first since November 2004 (which increased only due to VAT registration not company profits), is due to the dramatic increase in running costs. Over the past 2 years we have been able to absorb most of these increases (specifically related to fuel costs) however we must now pass on some of the costs to our customers.

Regrettably as of this next set of course fees (for the September term) We can no longer accept cheque payments. The administration time, costs and charges that occur due to returned cheques makes them not viable as a payment method. Please contact the office with a card payment or alternatively cash can be brought to class during week 7.

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 for part time teaching hours

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.

Training is in house as we have a specialist baby tutor and includes a recognised baby swimming certificate as well as specific aqua babies skills.

If you are interested in working a few teaching blocks a week and becoming a member of our enthusiastic and skilled team please contact Wendy or Carol on the office number.

Photo Shoot

Our next photo shoot will take place on Monday 28th July at Aqua babies centre (formerly splash pool), Timperley times begin at 10am.



Bookings will be available shortly on the members page of our website.

To book a photoshoot your baby must have completed the first course at least and be comfortable in the water. Each picture takes about a 2 second submersion.

There are 3 types of photo-shoot to choose from, please read the information carefully before booking
We look forward to seeing you there!

WEB ADDRESS

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.

Timperley becomes the Aqua Babies centre!

As many parents are aware Aqua Babies took ownership of Splash pool in Timperley over a year ago and what a year it has been!

We began with a total refit of the changing rooms, showers and flooring and have since re-grouted the pool tiles and added a state of the art U.V. system to the plant room which significantly reduces the amount of chlorine added to the water and kills bacteria such as cryptosporidium which is resistant to chlorine.

We are now re naming the pool
The Aqua Babies Centre

New signs will be added over the summer break and the refurbishments will also continue during this time (our contact number and office remains the same as all our pools)

Should you have any comments or suggestions regarding the Aqua Babies Centre please call or email us, your views are always welcome.

If you have not visited this pool in the past year please do come and see us, we are sure you will be pleased with the new look!

The former swim school is still operating from this pool, it is currently known as The Swim School at Splash and caters for children of 3 and over. Our change of name does not effect their swimmers in any way.

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 old's 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 submersion is not advised due to 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!



TYR thermal suits. U.V protection with a thin layer of neoprene for warmth £25