

Whitworth Swimming Club News

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Welcome to the ninth issue of Whitworth Swimming Club newsletter.

The swimming teachers, assistants, helpers, and committee would like to wish all swimming club members, children, parents, carers, relatives and Whitworth Leisure Centre staff a very **Happy Christmas and Fun Filled New Year**. Many thanks again for all your support in 2015. We are planning some new activities in 2016 that we will be canvassing your views on.

If you would like to see additional features in this newsletter then speak to one of the qualified teachers or Mike Burgess. More information about the Swimming Club is also on our website www.whitworthswimmingclub.com



Dates for the Diary

Please add these dates to your diary, phone, blackberry and calendar:

Christmas and New Year Holidays 2015/16

We are closed on the following dates:

22nd and 23rd December 2015

29th and 30th December 2015

Medal Celebration and Christmas Party – Sunday 13th December 2015

Whitworth Riverside from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Tickets on sale at £2.50 per person and aged 2 and under are free. Medal presentation, games and competitions, face-painting, glitter tattoos, photo-booth, mega raffle and more..

If you would like to donate a raffle prize for the hampers of from the business where you work then please pass to Andrea and Ian on the tuck shop. Party tickets and raffle tickets now on sale.

Whitworth Swimming Club fun sessions - Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th December 2015

The last swimming club sessions are on the above dates. Children who swim at 6.55pm or 7.25pm can come at 6.55pm for the full hour. Children who swim at 8.00pm or 8.30pm can come at 8.00pm. Each child will be presented with a selection box at the end of the session.

And there is more.....

At the end of this newsletter you will find:

- School Holiday closure dates
- Swimming teacher and assistant meeting dates
- Swimming Club activities calendar
- Links to other useful resources

Communications and Social Media

Whitworth Swimming Club website contains lots of information about the club <http://www.whitworthswimmingclub.com/>

We are visible and active on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/253308758086422/>

We are tweeting on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/whitworthswim>

Remembrance Sunday - 8th November 2015

Whitworth Swimming Club showed their respect on Remembrance Sunday the 8th November 2015.

It was a very poignant and moving ceremony to remember those who gave their lives for our freedom. Charlie Keiley and Emma Burgess laid a wreath for the club.

For the full photoset please see the link



<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10207602572919363.1073742250.1141972093&type=1&l=e7ce349936>

Annual Memberships 2016

At the AGM we discussed the increased costs to the club in 2015 and it was agreed to raise memberships fees to **£20 per annum per child**, for multiples of 3 children it will be **£55**. In addition there will be an increase in the **4 week payment card to £11.10** every 4 weeks and a modest increase for badges and certificates to keep us in line with Whitworth Leisure Centre.

Please can you renew your memberships in January 2016 and provide us with your email address for mailing newsletter, swimming club events and news to your inbox.

Standing Orders 2016

Please read the rules about standing orders for 2016 and please do not cancel over the Christmas Holidays.

Some parents are still cancelling their standing orders in holiday periods. The amount set is to cover a 12 month period and you are decrying club of essential funds. We are working through the lists and will ask you to recompense the club where payments have been cancelled without valid reason.

If your child wishes to leave the club then please let Mike, Michelle (Tue) or Sam (Wed) immediately and then you can cancel your standing order.

[Please click here to download the important information on standing orders](#)

Whitworth Swimming Club Annual General Meeting (AGM) – 16th November 2015

Whitworth Swimming Club held it's AGM on the above date the following committee members were elected at the very well attended meeting. It would be nice to see some more parents involved and present.

Nomination and Election of New Officers:

- Mike Burgess was elected as **Chair**
- Sam Keiley was elected as **Vice Chair**
- Andrea Barlow was elected as **Treasurer**
- Sue Jubb was elected as **Secretary**
- Michelle Ashcroft was elected as **Child Protection Officer**

A range of items were discussed and agreed by quorate including new membership fees, changes to 4 week payment card costs, increases to badge costs, training more STA (Certified) teachers, broadening the number of teaching assistants, distance night 2016, Splash n Dash 2016, Gala 2016, Kendal Exchange 2016 and engaging with parents.

Exchange Visit 2016

Whitworth swimming club has been involved in an exchange between swimming club children and the children of Kandel (our twin town in Germany) since 1978 and we hope to continue this amazing experience for many more years to come. Next year we are expecting up to 30 visitors from Kandel, made up of approximately 5 adults and 25 children (ages 11-16). They will be visiting between the dates of **Tuesday 26th July to Tuesday 2nd August**. It is a special year for the town-twinning scheme which will be celebrating its fifty year anniversary.

We now require families please who are able to accommodate our visitors in their homes. Please speak to Michelle Ashcroft or Mike Burgess if you need more information or an outline of what it is actually like to host and give a young German visitor an experience of Whitworth hospitality. Swimming club organise a range of activities that you as hosts and your children can participate in.

Please see some photographs of this year's Exchange to Kandel.

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10207623344838648.1073742251.1141972093&type=1&l=4b03f92c0e>

Dates for the Diary

School Holiday Closures for 2016

We will post this early 2016 and on the website

Swimming Club Teachers Meeting

Please see dates on the following link: <http://www.whitworthswimmingclub.com/#/events/4561498877>

Whitworth Swimming Club Activities Calendar 2016

6.55pm and 7.25pm Width Sessions and 8.00pm onwards Length Sessions

Please see the activity calendar on the following link:

<http://www.whitworthswimmingclub.com/#/events/4561498877>

Wednesday 1st Jan 2016: New Year's Day Duck Race

1,000 yellow rubber ducks are sponsored at £1 each; the ducks are flung into the overspill at Cowm Reservoir, and the first three ducks to cross the line collect a cash prize. This is a great event and was attended by over 350 people in 2015.

Other Bits and Bobs

Please see link <http://www.whitworthswimmingclub.com/#/downloads/4544525909>

Whitworth Swimming Club Volunteers

Whitworth Swimming Club Rules

Whitworth Swimming Three Strike Rule

