



Penguins Newsletter

December 2019



Merry Christmas and hope you have enjoyed a great term of swimming at Penguins!

Penguins has welcomed back many familiar faces from the Summer term and has seen quite a few new faces added to the programme including coaches; Megan, George, Luca and Nic. It has been wonderful to see how well all teachers communicate and work together to assist with the progression of their classes. We must also say a BIG thank you to all of our volunteer helpers for their continued support!

This thirteen-week term, with the introduction of a few tweaks to the programme, has flown by. All coaches have been working hard towards badges/certificates this term with their pupils and it has been superb to see how well the swimmers have adapted to the challenge. We are delighted to announce that ALL swimmers have successfully achieved an award which is excellent! As we are feeling festive, the certificates/badges will be available to collect on Sunday 15th December (the last week of term) and will be FREE of charge. Ho Ho Ho!

We have seen some great improvements in the swimmers resulting in some individuals moving up to the next group - congratulations from all of us at Penguins. Whilst we try not to make mid-term progressions, for nothing other than continuity reasons, the coaches and helpers are continually assessing the swimmers in the event that such movements are necessary. We remind parents that whilst we can provide improvement tips for each child, coaches will not be getting into discussions about movements.

The Rebrand

Looking ahead, Penguins will be seeing a rebrand to align more closely with Bromley Swimming Club. For those that do not know, BSC adopted the fierce badger as their mascot many years ago and as such, we will be saying goodbye to Penguins and hello to AQUACUBS come January 2020.

The information below outlines the intent of AquaCubs:

Mission Statement	A Pre-Competitive Aquatics Programme focussing upon introducing and enhancing skills required to succeed in the pool through structured sessions and the support of qualified coaches and helpers.
Aim	For children to continually develop through a progressive course achieving at least two swimming awards each year, but ideally one per term.
AquaCubs Groups	Beginners, Confident Beginners, Developers, Improvers, Junior Cubs, Cubs Squad 1 and 2

You should see no changes in the day to day running of things, other than some new AquaCubs hats which will be available soon!

Spring Term

The Spring Term is a 12-week term: Sunday 12th January to Sunday 5th April (**NO SESSION on 23rd February**). Invoices will be activated on your Team Unify accounts on 1st December; going forward invoices will reflect a subsidised fee cost for a Certificate/Badge award included in the fee invoice for the Spring and Summer Terms only. This term our 30 minute AquaCubs sessions are £123 and our Hour Cub Squad sessions are £153. We ask that **PAYMENT** is made by the **end of December at the very latest** to secure your AquaCubs place. We are continually receiving enquiries for swim places so please contact us if you do not intend to continue in the Spring Term.

If you have any questions or know of any friends/family who are looking for swimming lessons, please contact aquacubs@bromleysc.com.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. We wish you a wonderful festive period and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Jane and Michael

