

THE BIG SPLASH! – POOL NEWS MARCH 2022

Its nearly the end of March & thoughts are turning towards our fabulous school pool which will open after Summer Half Term. For those that haven't experienced it yet it enables weekly swimming lessons for all children and the option of joining the "Fun Swimming Club" (formerly the Family Swim Club) which gives the children a chance to swim after school, on Saturday mornings & into the Summer holiday.



The pool is well loved & well used - come rain or shine!

HOW IS THE POOL RUN?

Very simply – by the parents & we're looking to get a great team in place!

SWIM POOL COMMITTEE

We're aiming to build a larger team of parents to help run the pool through the swimming season & to "keep things going" during the year. There are many areas to get involved in – from FSC admin to fundraising & we can make the most of everyone's strengths & whatever time you can give. This is a brilliant opportunity to get involved in something the children love & where all the time in the water really makes a difference to their water confidence & swimming skills. We're so lucky to have this facility in school.

Areas to get involved in are listed in more detail on page two. A key role that we really need to fill is that of a second **PRINCIPAL POOL OPERATOR** (PPO) to work with Katie Bilham on the operational side of things. Ideally someone local who can visit the pool daily/on a rota for testing etc. – **even if you can't help, do you know someone who could?**

To find out more or get involved please contact either Katie Bilham or Georgie Nicoll (ecwhart@yahoo.co.uk) – we can't wait to get a fantastic team together for 2022!

TILES FUNDRAISER!

The FROGS team has very kindly volunteered to run a "decorate a tile" fundraiser early next term. Children will be given the chance to create a bespoke design on a tile which we'll hang on the changing room walls to mark the fun they've had in the pool.

Details coming out shortly!

CORPORATE SPONSORS

A shout out to any local businesses that can provide sponsorship! If you've been to the pool you'll have seen the advertising boards on the perimeter fence which have been there for several years. We're now looking for new sponsors so please get in touch if this is of interest.

DIARY DATES

25th March – Mother's Day – Daffs & cakes sale
8th April – open day to look at pool
Early Summer Term – Tiles Fundraiser
w/c 16th May – open day & FSC sign up
6 June – pool opens for lessons & FSC

WHAT ARE WE RAISING MONEY FOR?

Monies raised through events & sponsorship will go toward a spruce up of the changing rooms, toilet & pool area, some essential maintenance & general running costs through the season.

FURTHER DETAIL ON ROLES – in order of most pressing to get filled!

Principal Pool Operator

The majority of this role takes place in the few weeks running up to pool opening & during the 10 week season. The PPOs will co-ordinate maintaining the correct chlorine levels & testing the pool three times a day - there is the potential during the week to combine some testing with the school day. A 3 day training course with pass of an exam is required to gain the required PPO qualification – this is funded by the Swim Pool, a one day refresher is required every 3 years.

For someone able to give some of their time during a relatively short part of the year this is a fantastic opportunity to contribute in a discreet and different way.

Family Swim Club Admin (There is a good working format in place & Georgie is on hand to assist & guide throughout as needed)

The key elements of this role which ideally would suit a couple of volunteers to share the following:

Membership – draft up & issue membership forms (via school email), collect forms & payment, prepare master spreadsheet & ensure up to date & a list with emergency contact details at pool.

Lifeguards – book lifeguards for each swim session, ensure copies of their qualification on file & they have been given full induction in advance of first session. Co-ordinate any changes in scheduling promptly.

Parent helpers – prepare, issue & monitor parent helper sign up sheets. Each session needs 2 x parent helpers in addition to the lifeguard.

Sign up sheets – assemble a team to run the booking in of kids on a daily basis at school drop off. Make sure sheets are ready in foyer for lifeguard to pick up at start of swim sessions, deal with any problems.

General Committee

A general team to cover all the other jobs from keeping the pool area presentable & clean, helping with fundraisers, hosting open events, dealing with maintenance issues & generally helping to raise the profile of the pool amongst the parent group. With a decent number of people on the team we can share the roles and have a lot of fun in the process!