

# POOL NEWSLETTER



## TOP NEWS

- It has been a fantastic season with both lessons and family swimming! It has been wonderful to see the sun shining and children enjoying the pool!
- It has been a bumper year for Family swimming club membership! this income is vital for the pool's survival so thank you to the 68 families who have signed up this year!
- The new booking system on classlist has generally been a great success! Parents have really appreciated being able to book slots on their phones or from home, and plan their weeks swimming in advance.

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Thank you for all your support this season- We are a new team, have trialled new systems, and are still learning as we make our way through the season but we would just like to thank you for your kind words and support you have given to us individually and as a team! We really appreciate it.

*Thank you!*

This season we have seen Grace from Judy Sporle School of Swimming return for more swimming lessons. The children have progressed so much and grown in confidence in the last 6 weeks!!

*Grace will be back during the summer holidays offering swimming lessons at our pool.  
info@judy-sporle.co.uk*



# TADPOLE SWIMMING POOL TEAM



We are four Mums who, after a chat in the playground one wintery afternoon, agreed to take on the running of the pool and Family Swimming Club. We didn't anticipate training and qualifying to become Pool Plant Operators but when that became the only way forward, that is what we did!

We work extremely well together to get the job done, share the workload and support each other through many personal challenges that we have each faced recently as well as dealing with the many highs and lows of the swimming season; From organising lifeguards and parent helpers, to solving plant room problems, pool safety issues, fundraising projects and ClassList feedback.

We honestly love working together, and to see the pool looking magnificent with happy children enjoying it, is the best reward! Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported us!

Together we look forward to many more swimming seasons to come!

*Laura, Sarah, Bex & Anna*

## Pool Costs...

With rising running costs, unavoidable plant room upgrades and necessary improvements it is really expensive to run a swimming pool. Here's an idea of recent outgoings.....

- Re-commissioning the pool after the winter months and restoring the pool water £1592
- Automatic Chlorine Dosing Unit £6500
- Gas to heat the pool £960
- Service & repairs to the boiler £TBC
- New Heat Exchanger £825
- Pool chemicals £360
- Lifeguards £1305
- SE Water Microbiological Testing £400



## Pool Income.....

The pool's income comes from the membership fee for Family Swimming Club, a contribution to school from Hampshire County Council for the provision of compulsory swimming lessons and a kind donation from FROGS fundraising efforts. Our aim is to boost this income by hiring the pool out to swimming teachers or for private hire...

## Fundraising for the Pool...

- Easter Busy Bags £150
- Coronation Cake Sale £200
- Open Afternoon BBQ £160
- Yoga At Wood Farm £155
- Ice Lolly Sale £117
- Pool Tuck Shop £130
- Summer Busy Bags £85
- Second ice lolly sale £44

**A BIG THANK YOU for supporting our fundraising efforts.**  
**This extra income is vital to keeping the pool going.**



# WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU.....

A Big Thank You to.....

Sam Penhaligon & Sarah Hilder for helping us with daily water testing.

All Parent Helpers who help to supervise swimming sessions

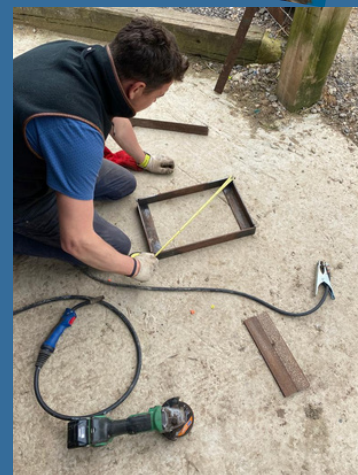
Cat D'Alton who gave us legal advice and drew up legal contracts  
&

Julie Stroud & Sarah Cashford for doing both painting and paperwork!

Thank you to the following for their time, help & support.....

Miss Vittle & Miss Kirby  
The School Governors  
Maria Burr & Belinda Read  
The Kruger Family  
Charlie & Cat D'Alton  
Genevieve Round & Ed White  
Tamsin Armstrong  
The Jackson Family  
The Howard Family  
Vicky Ashe  
Abby Hawkes  
The Wicks Family  
Ro Berg & the Silk Family  
Amy Nettle

Thank you also to our husbands for everything they have done!







## POOL SUPER FAN!

A special mention and Thank You goes to the pool's super fan Vicky Ashe ♥ Over the past 7 years she has been Parent Helper hundreds of times, done lots to help and support behind the scenes, bought toys for the children to enjoy in the water and always advocated for the pool. As her son moves on to secondary school, we will miss Vicky enormously!

## THE ROPLEY SOCIETY

Back in March we wrote a project proposal to The Ropley Society, who generously allocate funds to local worthwhile projects and causes which benefit the community.

We were very grateful to receive nearly £500!

With that money we bought the six new wooden benches to provide more seating poolside, two large outdoor storage boxes and two shade sails.



There was only one occasion this season where the lifeguard jumped in the pool: Eagle-eyed Lewis Jordan with Freddie who looks like he had everything completely under control and didn't need rescuing at all!

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR  
BRILLIANT LIFEGUARDS.**

## FUTURE PLANS & COSTS...

- September swimming sessions
- Trialling a Pay-As-You-Go system
- Install simple showers for swimmers
- Improved access to the pool area including disabled access
- Upgrade the pool heating system (the current way is highly expensive but there are much greener, less expensive ways now available...we just need funds to do it!)
- The flooring around the pool has seen better days and presents a trip hazard if not taped down...ideally it needs to be replaced
- The everyday pool cover that it used during the summer months is has become perished and will need to be replaced ideally.

### A BIG THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES

TOTAL POOL CARE  
POOL PLANT EXPERTS  
FGS ORGANICS  
DAN MOSS (PIPELINE PLUMBING)  
SILK SERVICES  
CLEEVE CONSTRUCTION  
WICKES