

## Penguins Newsletter – Spring 2019

Happy New Year.

Welcome back to all our swimmers. We hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas break and you are now ready for 2019! For your diaries, it is an 11-week term **finishing on 31<sup>st</sup> March**. There will be **NO session on the 17<sup>th</sup> February (half-term)**. These dates as well as provisional dates for the Summer term can be found on the Bromley Team Unify website by double-clicking the Penguins tab.

Thanks to some coaches and volunteers from BSC, the first-ever friendly gala to include Penguin swimmers took place on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January** at Trinity and I know from speaking to parents and children who were able to attend, it was a huge success and great fun. It is hoped that another one will be organised for later in the year.

In the initial couple of weeks of this term, there have been some promotions of swimmers into new groups. Coaches are constantly observing and assessing their swimmers and will continue to look at potential group changes throughout the term. It is important to remember that children develop at different rates and coaches are keen to promote swimmers only when they are ready.

In February, the swimmers will be formally assessed and **awarded a badge** following the criteria of the Learn to Swim Stage Awards. There is a **cost of £3.50** if you wish your child to receive a certificate and badge although, of course, it is not compulsory. If you wish your child to receive a certificate/badge, please make a **payment by 17<sup>th</sup> February**. The **Penguins Account is: HSBC 40-46-20 11258575**. The certificates/badges will then be ordered and processed ready for collection on 24<sup>th</sup> February, the Sunday after the half term break.

If you have any queries at any time, please contact me at [Penguins@bromleysc.com](mailto:Penguins@bromleysc.com). I will also be at poolside from time to time and Richard will also be happy to answer any questions.

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