

# Jubbly 631

1<sup>st</sup> September 2007

## SUCCESSFUL HOLIDAY COURSES

As a result of a busy summer and lots of successful assessments, classes are very busy – please let us know if you are not coming any more, so that we know where we have spaces. Thanks.

### STAR OF THE WEEK

#### THOMAS DEIGHTON – holiday courses

For a number of years now (about 3 or maybe more!!), Thomas has been trying to get his Grade 5. The family don't live in Plymouth anymore, so only do holiday courses and in an effort to try and get him through this award, his Mum booked him a private lesson and he finally passed his Grade 5

Well done Thomas!

### PROGRAMME REVIEW

In July we told you about a programme review, which would take effect in January.

The changes are so important to this programme that we have decided to bring that forward to November. Information will be out shortly.

### FLIP N FUN COMPETITION

We are hosting a club Flip and Fun competition on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September for all divers in the Intermediate and Advanced Groups, Novice Squad and some in the Intermediate Squad. It will also be used as a practice for those competing at the White Rose.

You will receive separate information on this.

**NOTE – DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ENTRY FORMS IS 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER.**

### ASSESSMENTS

The next assessment for the Intermediate and Advanced Groups will be from 13-19 Oct. There will be no opportunity for assessment outside these dates. If you know you cannot make your normal class during this week, please book into an alternative.

Note – when you receive information about class changes from 1<sup>st</sup> November, you will need to re-apply for your child's class space. Apply with the grade they currently have, then if they pass an award during assessment week we can look at changing them.

I will shortly be putting grade lists on the notice board and website. Please check your child's grade is correct. If not – following the instructions in order to get the grade corrected prior to assessment.

### HALF TERM

We are putting on 3 development days during the October half term and we have LOWERED the minimum grade for 1 of the days, to Grade 2, instead of Grade 4.

Please see green leaflet for more information.

### STAFF HOLIDAY

Please note – Sally and Fito are in Mexico from 12<sup>th</sup> Sept to 4<sup>th</sup> October.

Their classes will remain the same, but different coaches will be taking them.

### BEST IN THE WORLD

The World's best divers are in Sheffield this weekend competing in the first of a three leg "World Series".

The top 8 individual divers in the World and the top 6 synchronised pairings have been invited to compete for money at the 3 events in Great Britain, China and Mexico.

Although GB did not get anyone who officially qualified for the event, as hosts, they can enter a team and our own Thomas Daley and Tonia Couch have been selected and are in Sheffield, rubbing shoulders with legends of our sport such as Alex Despatie from Canada (Commonwealth Games Champion at 13 and the world record holder on mens 3m) and Laura Wilkinson from the USA (the only woman ever to win all 3 major global titles on Platform – World Cup, World Championships and Olympic Games).

Many of our other divers are up there to watch. As funded athletes, Brooke Graddon and Kyle Prior have been given a free pass to watch and experience the weekend and as part of the AASE (advanced apprenticeship in sporting excellence) programme, Sarah Barrow, Alex Newton, Jenny McDonald and Jess Taylor are working as volunteers throughout the weekend.

In addition, Andy Banks is attending as coach, Fito Gutierrez is going to watch and Sally Freeman is acting as assistant referee and commentator.

That does leave us a bit thin on the ground for staff – any changes the training this weekend, will have been notified to those concerned.

| MAIN PROGRAMME DATES        |   |   |
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| 15 Sep                      | Flip 'n' Fun entry form deadline  |   |
| 28 Sep                      | Next Flip 'n' Fun competition (& practice for White Rose novice event)                                      |   |
| 22-26 Oct                   | Half term courses – trampolining, 3 development days!! Private lessons – book early to avoid disappointment |   |
| 1-2 Dec                     | 15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dive Show weekend (tbc)  |   |
| COMPETITIVE PROGRAMME DATES |   |   |
| 1-2 Sept                    | World Series, Sheffield   | Thomas & Tonia                                    |
| 12-14 Oct                   | White Rose Novices, Leeds (CONFIRMED DATE)  | Selected divers from Novices & Intermediate Squad |
| 19-22 Oct                   | Southampton Age Group Meet  | Selected divers from Intermediate Squad and up.   |
| 23-25 Nov                   | Luton Age Group Meet  | Selected divers from Intermediate Squad and up.   |
| STAFF ABSENCES              |   |   |
| 12 Sep – 4 Oct              | Sally & Fito on holiday   |   |

Regularly used terms: Intermediate Group - divers working towards Grade 5 & BS1 & 2. Advanced Group - divers that have passed Grade 5 & Board Skills 2. Squads competitive training groups. Novices - first rung of competitive ladder. Intermediate/Age Groups - next rung of competitive ladder. Elite Juniors - highest level domestic event for divers aged 9-18. Junior - 18 & under. Senior - all ages (where you will find our elite Olympic divers).

Diving balcony etiquette - Parents please do not coach your children or call them over during classes, Divers must be clothed and wearing shoes when on the balcony and if you are using still or video cameras, please sign the book at reception and ensure you only take footage of your own child.

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