**Welcome to the Summer 2019 Edition of the Swan Academy Newsletter!**

We would like to welcome you all back – we hope you had a lovely break! We would also like to offer a warm welcome to all of our new Gymnasts and their families joining us over the next two weeks!

**Safeguarding Policy changes**

As we are a member of British Gymnastics, we abide by all of their policies and procedures. Please see [www.british-gymnastics.org](http://www.british-gymnastics.org) for all BG policies if you would like to view them at any time. However, we are writing to inform you of a few slight amendments to the Safeguarding policy as follows:

***CHILDREN LEAVING THE GYM AT THE END OF THEIR SESSION***

As of 24th April 2019, we will no longer allow your child to leave the gym and walk round to the car park without an adult. This is so that we can make sure that all children are collected safely, by the responsible adults who have been authorised to collect them. If you are happy for another parent to walk your child round to you then please make sure that your child and the coach on the door knows this at each session.

Exceptions to the above are:

1. If your child is over the age of 12, we will allow them to leave the premises unaccompanied.
2. If you sign a waiver form (available at the Swan Admin desk) to authorise a child younger than age 12 to leave the premises unaccompanied.

Please note, in the above two circumstances, once the child has left the Nobel main gym doors, they will no longer be the responsibility of Swan Academy Limited.

***PHOTO’S OF CHILDREN***

We have had some questions as to why the glass on the doors has been covered in recent weeks. We were advised to do this due to the number of parents who were filming / photographing their children through the glass (and potentially indivertibly photographing other children while doing so). As a Club, we have a duty to protect all children who attend, however we also understand that you like to see your children enjoying their class. We have therefore decided to remove the glass covers again, but these will need to go back up if parents continue to photograph or film children through the glass. If you would like to take a picture of your child, please just ask us and we will let you go in and ensure other children are not in your photos.

**Term dates**

This term runs from Wednesday 24th April 2019 to Monday 22nd July 2019.

Half term is week beginning 27th May 2019, so we are closed that week. The next term will begin on Friday 6th September 2019– further details will follow regarding dates and how to renew.

**Watching week**

The next watching opportunity for you to come in and watch your child’s session is:

* Monday 20th May 2019 for those children who attend on Mondays
* Wednesday 22nd May 2019 for those children who attend on Wednesdays
* Friday 24th May 2019 for those children who attend on Fridays
* Saturday 25th May 2019 for those children who attend on Saturdays

**Parents Training Week**

Join in with your child’s gymnastic session from Monday 13th May to Saturday 18th May! We have special exercises for parents and won’t work you too hard!

**Dates for the Diaries:**

Sunday 16th June: Father’s Day

Saturday 27th October: Halloween Disco

Sunday 24th November: Visual Treasures 2019 Competition

**Merchandise**

As the weather is warming up, we would like to recommend our lovely Swan Crop Tops! At just £10, they look great and keep your children cool. Available to purchase now!

**Finally - some reminders**

Please could you remember to remove jewellery from children before their lesson.  Earrings need to be removed or taped up. Long hair needs to be tied up please.

If your child brings any valuables (mobile phones/money/jewellery etc.) to the gym, please do not leave them outside in the corridor. We cannot be responsible for any items which go missing from the gym.

Please could you ensure that your child (or any siblings) do not go into the gym or dance studio unless they are invited to do so by a Coach. This includes while you are waiting for lessons to start. This is because they are not insured unless accompanied by a Coach.

Enjoy the rest of the term! As always, thank for your continued support of the Club, and please do not hesitate to speak to any member of the team should you have any questions.

***The Swan Team***