



February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you regarding some exciting news!

After half term we will be having a swimming pool set up at our school for three weeks. The pool will give the opportunity for all children in Years 3-6 to have a series of intensive swimming lessons.

Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and vital life skill. The pandemic has impacted on most school children having swimming lessons. By having a pool set up at school, it will enable us to give our pupils a great opportunity to catch-up on what they missed. One of the other major benefits is that the loss of learning time in other subjects is minimised as we do not need to spend time and money transporting the children to and from a pool.

### Information: the details:

- The company we are using is called Elite Swimming.
- The pool is heated and will be set up inside a marquee.
- The company provide a swimming teacher and a lifeguard.
- **The children will swim in a group of no larger than 12 and will have either 7 or 9 lessons of 30 minutes pool-time.**

We are planning for the children will swim during the following dates. Please note that these will be finalised after the closing date on the consent form and the full timetable will then be published.

<b>Year 3 &amp;4:</b> Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Falcons - Hawks - Eagles
<b>Year 6:</b> Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February to Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Tigers - Lions
<b>Year 5:</b> Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March to Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Panthers - Leopards

### Action: give permission & details

To give permission for your child to take part please follow this link to complete this short form: [Swimming Consent and Ability Form](#). It is very important that you complete one for each child you have in school. This will enable us to set up the initial groups and the swimming teacher will move them around as needed.

**The consent form will close at 11.00pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Action: get prepared:**

On your child's swim days, they need to bring a named bag containing the following:

- Swimsuit (no bikinis) or swim shorts
- Swim hat (every child must wear one)
- Towel
- Dressing gown or a warm covering
- Shoes to walk to and from the pool e.g., crocs/ slip on shoes

Your challenge is to get the kit dried and ready for the next day!

**Information: the cost**

As with all wonderful opportunities there is a cost involved and we would normally be asking for a contribution of around £15 to do this.

However, with the cost-of-living crisis I understand the real financial pressures our families are experiencing, so for this year only I have managed to secure funding to offer this opportunity **free of charge.**

Our plan is to use the three weeks as a trial, if it works well, it will hopefully be something that we can do annually (hopefully in the summer term!) ensuring that all children can swim before they leave school.

Kind regards



Richard Ferris  
Headteacher



  
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