



January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you regarding some exciting news!

Next week 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 swimming lessons from qualified swimming teachers.

For children in Years 5&6, this is optional and we are offering 4 swimming lessons as a refresher course following on from their intensive course last year, at a cost of £8.00.

For children in Years 3&4, we will be offering an intensive swimming course daily for 2 full weeks with a total of 10 swimming sessions, at a cost of £20.00.

Swimming is 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.

With swimming lessons costing between £10-20 per lesson we feel this is a fabulous opportunity to help your child learn to swim at a significant reduction in cost

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.

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.

Year 5&6: Monday 6 th to Thursday 9 th February	Panthers – Leopards – Lions – Tigers
Year 3&4: Monday 20 th February to Friday 3 rd March	Eagles – Hawks – Falcons

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 Tuesday 31st January.

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

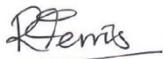
As with all wonderful opportunities there is a cost involved . The cost to the school is over £50 per pupil, but we are able to subsidise this cost and ask for the following voluntary contribution, which equates to £2 per lesson.

Years 5-6: £8 for 4 refresher lessons

Years 3-4: £20 for 10 intensive swimming lessons

This will be put onto ParentPay next week and we will email you to let you know when it is available to pay.

Kind regards



Richard Ferris
Headteacher




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