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Class 4 Swimming

Dear Parents,

From the beginning of next term, Year 4 children will have the opportunity to participate in weekly swimming lessons. Swimming and water safety lessons are a compulsory part of the National Curriculum. As a school, we feel our pupils should all have the opportunity to learn this vital life skill as well as being able to discover the amazing physical and mental health benefits being in the water can provide.

With this in mind, during the entire **Autumn Term**, Year 4 children will participate in weekly swimming lessons every Tuesday and these will commence on:

Tuesday 5th September (the first day of term) until Tuesday 12th December (excluding Half Term)

Swimming lessons are led by specialist swimming teachers at the Aqua Vale swimming pool in Aylesbury. In order for pupils to benefit from their full 30 minutes of swimming, we ask that children arrive in school with their swimming costumes (one piece) or swimming trunks on underneath their clothes and with their swimming hats on. Please ensure your children are on time as **the coach leaves promptly at 9AM**.

Other information:

- Children will need: either a one piece swimming costume for girls or trunks for boys; a towel and a swimming hat.
- Please note that all children **must wear a swimming hat** - these will not be available to purchase at the centre and pupils will not be allowed to swim without one.
- If pupils need to wear goggles, you must provide a note otherwise they will not be permitted to wear them.
- Please provide pupils with **a bag containing a towel and underwear**.
- Please ensure pupils are on time as the coach will be leaving at 9AM.

There is no cost to pay at this time. In September, a payment item for the Autumn Term swimming lessons will be made available on ParentMail. Swimming lessons will cost **£25.00 for the whole Autumn Term** and your support with this is much appreciated.

Swimming is deemed an important part of the National Curriculum and in line with other local school policies we are asking for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the swimming lessons. The cost for each child, including transport and the lessons equates to over £30 per half term. We are therefore asking for a contribution to this cost.

Please do contact the school office or myself if you require support in providing the £25 cost. Please also note that no child will be excluded from the swimming lessons because his or her parents are unwilling or unable to pay. We hope you will help us to provide your child with quality swimming lessons and appreciate your continued support.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,
Mrs Smith



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