



Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our PE curriculum, I have organised for all year 5 children to have swimming lessons in the Spring term, starting on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

These will take place at The Laura Trott Leisure Centre swimming pool on Thursday mornings between 10.30 and 11.30. Each group of children will be in the pool for 30 minutes. The children will be split into groups. These groups will reflect the ability and the confidence of each child.

The children will need to bring suitable swimwear (no bikinis or long swimming shorts), a towel and a hat (this is compulsory for everyone). Long hair must be tied back on these days and earrings removed. If your child needs to wear swimming goggles, a letter **must** be provided to the class teacher explaining this.

Swimming will take place on the following dates:

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, January, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**

Under guidance from the Department for Education it states that swimming is a statutory part of the curriculum in Primary Schools and children must swim for at least a term in their time at Infant and Junior School. We are now fortunate enough to have a swimming slot at The Laura Trott leisure Centre for the entire school year which means we can offer swimming to Year 6, Year 5 and Year 4 for a term each. As we are now offering above and beyond the statutory guidance we can make use of the schools Sports Premium to partly fund swimming sessions for Year 5 and Year 4 .

The amount charged by The Laura Trott Leisure Centre for each half hour swimming lesson is £2.40 per child which is half the normal price of lessons at the Centre. We are therefore asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £15 for 10 sessions payable on WisePay by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. (The remainder of this will be funded via sports premium). By paying on WisePay permission can be given on line. If you wish to pay by cheque please complete a consent form available from the school office.

The children will then be offered swimming lessons again in Year 6 but with the extra bonus of a lifesaving award. Depending on the children's standards, a preliminary safety survival award can be achieved or level 1 for more able swimmers. Both awards take 6-8 weeks to complete and will take place in the Autumn Term 2018.

If for any reason you cannot afford to make a voluntary contribution then please make an appointment to see Mr Douglas, via the school office, where you can discuss this in confidence.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if I can be of any further help.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Green  
Sports Leader

