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Swimming is back!

Dear Parents and carers,

We are so excited to inform you that the Freedom Leisure Swimming Pool is open for action again and we will be starting lessons with children in the Year 5 and 6 classes as a priority.

Swimming will take place on **Thursday afternoons between 1.00pm and 2:30pm for the rest of the year.**

The first lesson starts on Thursday 23rd November with the final session for Term 2 taking place on Thursday 14th December. These lessons will be led by two qualified swimming instructors.

Swimming is only a part of the National Curriculum for KS2; with each KS2 child expected to be able to swim 25m by the end of Primary School, Year 6. I am sure as parents and as members of a local seaside community you too understand the need for our children to be water confident.

We want to ensure as many children as possible are able to do this. This is a commitment we want to make as a school, because we feel that water safety is a life skill and particularly required in the area we live. However, we do **rely** on voluntary contributions.

In order for swimming lessons to take place, **we require £3.24 per session or a total of £12.96 for the next 4 sessions. Our preference would be for the £12.96 payment to be paid before the end of November.** We are happy to receive instalments of any amount in advance of each weekly swimming lesson.

Any arrears have to be funded by the school at the cost of any other learning resources.

You can pay online via ParentPay (the web based system we currently use to pay for school meals).

If you would like to make an additional contribution to the school to support any individual families who are finding it difficult to make the payment, then please speak to Mrs Suzie James or Mrs Ria Cruttenden in the school office, as we would like as many children to be able to swim as possible.

On Thursdays, please ensure your children have the following in school:

- **swimming costume/trunks**
- **large towel**
- **hair band for long hair or a swimming cap if preferred.**
- **ALL JEWELLERY MUST BE REMOVED OR SECURED SAFELY.**

All children will be picked up as normal at school at the end of the day.

Please contact me via Class Dojo if you have any queries or concerns.

Best Wishes,

Miss F Brassleay
Deputy Headteacher