



Tuesday, 05 January 2016

Dear Parents,

Swimming at Aqua Vale for children in Years 3, 4 and 5

I wrote to you last term to tell you the exciting news that your child will be swimming with the school at Aqua Vale swimming pool starting next week. Classes 3A and 5A will swim on Tuesdays and 3B and 4A will swim on Thursdays. Swimming will be for two terms (up to the end of the school year).

Swimming will take place during the school day, as part of our morning teaching session. Swimming teaching is shared by qualified swimming teachers at the pool, and our staff who have all undertaken training to do so.

Please ensure that your child has the correct clothing and equipment:

- swimming trunks for the boys (swim shorts are not permitted)
- one-piece swimsuits for the girls (two piece bikinis are not permitted)
- a large towel
- a bag in which to place their kit.
- a swim hat (boys and girls) - These can be bought very cheaply from sports stores or online

We discourage the use of goggles but if your child needs to use them for medical reasons, please see the attached letter and return the slip to school before your child's first swim session. Please note that all long hair will need to be tied back.

Please encourage your child to practise getting changed in and out of his or her swim gear and to get dried after swimming or bathing – this will help us tremendously. We have limited time at the pool and we don't want to waste a moment of swimming time.

If you have not yet returned the form which describes your child's swimming experience and skill level, please return it to school by the end of this week.

Swimming is part of our PE Curriculum, but it is also very expensive. The actual cost of sending each child swimming for two terms (including the lesson at the pool, and the coach transport) is £77.20. We would be very grateful if you were able to make a voluntary contribution towards the travel costs of £10 per half term (a total of £40 for 24 swimming lessons). Please make your contribution using ParentPay. If you log in, you will see payment items for 'Swimming: Jan-Feb 2016' for the first payment.

If you have any questions about your child swimming with school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Waldron