

8th February 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Swimming Lessons Terms 4, 5 and 6 (Year 5)

From **20th February 2018**, your child will be taking part in swimming lessons every Tuesday morning at the Kingdown pool. Year 5 will be swimming from: **Tuesday 26th February up to and including Tuesday 16th July 2019.**

Children will receive 17 weeks of swimming lessons. Lessons are for 30 minutes.

For this activity to continue, we have to ask parents for a contribution towards the costs of hiring the pool, lifeguards and the specialist instruction from three ASA Teachers. This year we are asking for £1.50 per session making a total of £25.50 for the 17 week period. Please could we ask that parents log on and pay via Wisepay. This can be paid weekly, by instalments or in one go.

As Year 5 are walking to and from the pool this year, please can we ask that they have suitable footwear, hat and coat.

The Amateur Swimming Association (ASA – the National Governing Body for Swimming) has developed clear guidance on appropriate swimwear during lessons and this states “Pupils should bring appropriate swimwear – a one piece costume for females and swimming trunks above the knee for males, loose fitting shorts should be avoided. Swimmers with long hair should be encouraged to wear a hat, or tie hair back away from the face. Jewellery should also not be worn during the lesson.”

These recommendations from the ASA will help your child to learn this vital life skill and ensure they stay safe. Wearing inappropriate clothing will hinder their progression and make performing some of the skills in the water very difficult.

We run a system of badges/certificates for achievement and should your child qualify for one of these we will send a slip home to confirm their success. There is a cost of £2.00 for some of the ASA Challenge and Distance Awards and this will be indicated on the slip.

If for any reason your child cannot go swimming please could you send your child's class teacher a signed note with the reason why.

Yours sincerely

Year 5/6 Class Teachers

Headteacher: Caroline Thomas

Chair of Governors: Susan Whitehead-Whiting

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