

Wednesday 5th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Swimming

Swimming lessons will start next week (w/c 9th September 2019) as follows:

Tuesday – Russia & Italy Classes

Wednesday – France & Germany Classes

Thursday – Spain & UK Classes

Swimming lessons will take place at the Kingdown pool and are 30 minutes long. Children will walk to and from the pool. Children will be swimming every week apart from when the pool is unavailable – unfortunately, the pool are still unable to confirm when this will be so we will inform you once we know.

Swimming does incur extra costs for the school as we pay for hire of the pool, qualified swimming teachers and lifeguards. The cost per child is approximately £2.60 per week. **We are asking parents to make a voluntary contribution of £1.50 per week to help towards the cost.** This can be paid through wisePAY weekly, termly or for the whole year.

As children are walking to and from the pool, 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

Miss C Thomas
Headteacher

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