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Dear Parents,

ADVANCE NOTICE - SWIMMING ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEAR 4 - AUTUMN 2023

Further to our previous letters regarding swimming for your child in Year 3, we have now been able to secure swimming lessons for your child at the start of Year 4.



Swimming lessons are part of the curriculum entitlement which we are required to provide for our children. We are not allowed to use government sports funding in respect of these curriculum lessons. Because we are a rural school, the cost of these lessons also includes significant transport costs. We ask for a voluntary contribution to help us meet the costs of providing swimming. Please do help us if you can. Budgets are increasingly tight for all schools and your support makes a real difference.

All children leaving primary school are expected to achieve a Curriculum Standard Level 5 (equivalent to having passed ASA Standard Level 6). If your child has already achieved this level, they will still be coming swimming as Tadley Pool adapts their lessons for all abilities of swimmers. The criteria for Curriculum Standard Level 5 is as follows:-

In water of at least 1.3 metres depth, I can:-

- Without the use of aids show a horizontal star float on my back for 10 seconds
- Without any aids show any floating position on my front for 5 seconds
- Swim a minimum of 25 metres on my front (front crawl style) with arms recovering over the water
- Swim a minimum of 25 metres on my back (back crawl style) with arms recovering over the water
- Swim a minimum of 10 metres on my front (breast stroke style)
- Using a head first descent pick up an object from the pool bottom
- Tread water for 45 seconds
- Perform a safe standing jump from the side of the pool at 1.3 metres

The voluntary contribution to cover all ten sessions will be **£85**. This increase has incurred due to increased costs from the swimming pool.

Cheques should be made payable to "Aldermaston CE School Fund". We do have the facility for parents to pay by BACS. If you would prefer to use this option, please make sure you quote your child's name and "Swimming" in the reference. Our account details are as follows:-

Account Name: Aldermaston CE School Fund

Account Number: 00164740

Sort Code: 30-18-45

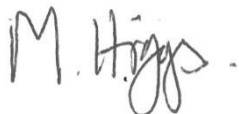


If weekly cash payments are preferred, please put the correct money in an envelope marked SWIMMING, with your child's name on it. Envelopes should be handed into the school office.

Our swimming lessons will take place on Tuesday mornings, and sessions will start on Thursday, 21st September. There will be a total of 10 sessions, with the exception of Thursday, 26th October (half term) and therefore lessons will finish on Thursday, 30th November.

As ever, please contact us at school if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Higgs'.

Mrs M Higgs
Headteacher

