

Dear Parents

21<sup>st</sup> November 2016

### Swimming Lessons – Years 5/6

Swimming starts for the children in Y5/6 who our records show have not passed their 25m badge with school, on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, for 8 lessons as follows: 15<sup>th</sup> December, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Swimming is part of the National Curriculum for PE which says each child should be able to swim at least 25 metres on their front and back with a recognised stroke and be able to have a good knowledge of water safety skills by the end of Key Stage 2. All children take part in this activity and if a child is not fit enough to swim a note must be sent into school.

To assist with the cost of this offsite activity we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £4.00 per week (£32.00 in total). You can make these contributions either by cash, cheque or via Parentpay. **Please make cheques payable to Gloucestershire County Council.**

**Health and Safety - Goggles** The Gloucestershire Guidelines for Swimming Water Safety states goggles should not be worn for school swimming. This is due to health and safety issues. If you are still interested in your child wearing goggles please let the class teacher know and they will forward to you a copy of the relevant page of the Gloucestershire Guidelines for Swimming Water Safety Policy, at which point you can make a fully informed decision that you should then convey to the school.

**Swimming Caps** are not required, but long hair **MUST** be tied up.

**Swimming Costumes** – If a boy is wearing shorts rather than “trunks” then they must be above the knee (shorter if possible). Girls must wear swimming costumes not bikinis.

Children must be fit to swim. The GGFWSWP states that teachers have a duty of care and that children with cuts, skin or ear infections must not swim. We will be following this policy.

**Earrings** should be removed before swimming or covered with a plaster that is provided from home.

Please ensure your child has a named costume or trunks, towels and a water proof bag.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Woolley  
Headteacher.

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I/We give permission for my/our child .....class..... to take part in swimming.

Please delete as appropriate:

- I have enclosed full payment of £32.
- have enclosed a voluntary contribution of £4.00 per week (£32 in total)
- I have paid by: cheque  
cash  
via Parentpay (please delete as appropriate)

Signed: .....(Parent/Carer)