

31<sup>st</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents

### Y4 Swimming lessons

Swimming starts for the children in Y4 on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February for 8 sessions as follows: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March; 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April**. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum for PE which says each child should be able to swim at least 25 metres 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.

**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\office 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 GGFSWSP 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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### Swimming Lessons – Y4 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April

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

- I 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)