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Dear Parents/Guardians

SWIMMING – YEAR 5

We are delighted to be able to facilitate a second opportunity for swimming lessons exclusive to year 5 pupils. We have secured a regular Tuesday afternoon slot at Barncroft Primary School swimming pool. We have invested in training to ensure teachers have the relevant swimming safety qualifications to coach pupils effectively and are fortunate in that we have some specialist teachers.

The National Curriculum requires that, by the end of key stage two, children are able to:

- Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- Use a range of strokes effectively (for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke)
- Perform safe self-rescue in different water based situations

We endeavour to work in partnership with parents to ensure that children are able to do this by the time they leave year 6. As a school, we would highly recommend that parents help their children to achieve this out of school (through swimming lessons or regular leisure sessions), as well as committing time and resources in school too.

In addition to the National Curriculum requirements, we would like to be able to offer our more able swimmers the opportunity to further develop their stamina, self-rescue techniques as well as preparation for potential attendance at swimming gala competitions.

In order to ensure all children, meet the necessary requirements, the children have been re-grouped based on assessments made in their year 4 swimming lessons. The number of lessons allocated per group will differ, ranging from 5 lessons to 10 lessons, depending on their swimming ability.

As in previous years, I will be leading the swimming lessons supported by Mrs Turner and Mrs Edmunds. We have a great knowledge of the children's next steps and are looking forward to seeing them develop further as a consequence of the newly allocated swimming lessons to year 5. As before, lessons will last for 40 minutes. The children will go straight into lunch at 12pm before leaving school at approximately 1pm. We arrive back at school before the end of the school day. The children will be split into 5 new groups. Letters will follow to state which group your child is in and how many lessons they have been allocated.


The children will need to bring swimming kit consisting of: a swimming costume, towel and goggles (if required) on the day. All jewellery **MUST** be removed before swimming – please avoid children wearing earrings on the day if they are unable to quickly remove them for themselves. Please also ensure that long hair is tied back for the lessons; children may wear a swimming hat if they prefer.

We endeavour to keep financial contributions for swimming lessons as low as we can and our minibus helps us to do this. The school is funding the hire of the pool at £25 per lesson, teachers and staff training. However, there is a small travel cost of £2.36 per lesson to contribute towards the running costs of the minibus. We greatly appreciate your support with this.

We are sure you will agree that this is a wonderful opportunity to further enhance the children's swimming. At the end of the series of swimming lessons, children will receive a certificate stating their achievements against the National Curriculum expectations. These will be presented in their House assemblies.

Thank you for your support of swimming at Ranvilles.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Johnson', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mrs Johnson

Deputy Headteacher