



7th September 2017

Dear Parents,

Due to the outstanding success of our changes to last year's school swimming programme, we are going to continue again this year. Our main priority is to ensure we meet all pupils' needs and adhere to the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum (NC). We have the extra incentive for our Year 6 children to be competent and safe in open water due to the excellent water-based activities which we enjoy on the Isle of Wight residential. We are going to include Year 2 children in our programme again, and Year 6 will only swim if they do not yet meet the NC requirement. Swimming is excellent exercise as well as a lot of fun and we are lucky enough to have three swimming teachers available to us again, which will mean the children will continue to be taught in small groups. Swimming will take place on a Monday morning from 11am-12pm. Children who forget swimming kit will be provided with spare, so we will not accept any excuses!

This year's swimming timetable is as follows:

Autumn Term 2017

Monday 11th September: Mr Curtis' class- assessment week

Monday 18th September - Monday 4th December: Miss Wilson's class **PLUS** any Year 6 not meeting the NC requirements.

Spring Term 2018

Monday 8th January - Monday 26th March (not including 15th January as this is gala team training): Miss Govey's class **PLUS** any Year 6 not meeting the NC requirements

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April - Monday 2nd July: Mr Ballard's Year 2 children

As last year, we are going to be able to fund the majority of the swimming programme cost through school funds. Children will receive 10 hours of swimming teaching (one hour each week) and we are asking for a small voluntary contribution of £12 per child (about one sixth of the total cost). Please provide your child with a costume, hat (as requested by the leisure centre) and towel. One piece costumes are better for the girls and jammers or trunks are better than board / beach shorts for the boys.

There are a very high number of water related accidents, even in shallow water, in the UK every year and we hope you will continue to support our swimming programme, understand the importance we place on water safety and appreciate the National Curriculum requirements we must ensure all pupils reach before leaving Key Stage 2. As a coach for Dunmow Atlantis Swimming Club and a very keen swimmer myself, I know that there is always room to improve swimming strokes and technique!

Please complete the slip below and return as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Miles

Swimming Lessons 2017/2018- please return to the office by Friday 8th September if possible.

I give permission for my child..... who is in:

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

in class:

Curtis

Wilson

Govey

Ballard

to take part in school swimming this year.

I enclose the voluntary contribution of £12 to the cost of swimming lessons

Signed..... Date.....