



6th September 2018

Dear Parents,

We will be continuing our excellent swimming programme 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 2018

Monday 10th September: Miss Miles and Mr Curtis' class- assessment week

Monday 17th September - Monday 3rd December: Miss Miles' class **PLUS** any Year 6 not meeting the NC requirements.

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th January - Monday 1st April: Miss Govey's class **PLUS** any Year 6 not meeting the NC requirements (two of those dates will be given to the gala team- you will be notified nearer the time)

Summer Term 2019

Monday 29th April - Monday 15th July: Miss Wilson'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 £15 per child (about one sixth of the total cost). Please provide your child with a costume, hat 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 2018/2019- please return to the office by Monday 10th September if possible.

I enclose the voluntary contribution of £15 for the cost of swimming lessons for my child:

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

* Please note- year 6 children do not need to return this unless they are notified that they will be required to have lessons this term.