

# Oaklands Junior School

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## To parents of children in Class 5H

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming is an important part of the National Curriculum for Physical Education and we have therefore organised a series of five swimming lessons at The Carnival Pool, Wokingham. The tuition and facilities at The Carnival Pool are very good and are used by many local schools. These swimming lessons replace some of Year 5's regular P.E. sessions in school.

Instruction at the poolside will be conducted by A.S.A. qualified instructors and a member of staff from Oaklands will be present. The aim of the course is to improve the children's competence and safety in the water. We have been organising these swimming lessons for pupils over many years and they have proved extremely successful; non-swimmers and less able swimmers make good progress and children already proficient in the water are able to undertake more challenging work including advanced safety skills.

Lessons for Class 5H will take place on **Monday morning**, beginning on the **30<sup>th</sup> April**, for 5 weeks. The lesson time will be 45 minutes which we believe will give the children an opportunity to consolidate the skills they learn.

Parents are requested to provide conventional swimwear, a towel and a waterproof bag to carry the swimming kit. **All** pupils are expected to wear a swimming hat in the pool and it is helpful, though not obligatory, if your child's first name can be written in large letters with a waterproof marker on the front of the hat. Any children who have verrucae or athlete's foot should wear a plastic sock.

**Please note** that children are not allowed to wear earrings during the lessons at The Carnival Pool and therefore we would recommend that children do not have their ears pierced for at least six weeks before or during this period as they will need to be removed. Children will be transported to and from the pool by coach.

We ask parents to make a contribution to help cover the cost of transport, the general use and upkeep of the pool and the A.S.A. qualified instructors. The cost of the swimming lessons would normally be £40.00, however this year we are able to use some of our Sport's Funding to subsidise each child, so the cost will now be £30.00. You will be able to pay for this activity online if you have set up your internet payment account. You are still able to pay with cash or cheque and if paying by cheque these should be made payable to "Oaklands Junior School". Do contact me if you are currently experiencing financial difficulties and require assistance with meeting the cost; all enquiries will be dealt with in total confidence. Pupils who receive free school meals will automatically have the cost of the swimming lessons paid for from the Pupil Premium Budget.

Please would you return the completed permission slip and EV2 form attached as soon as possible and not later than Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs. H. West  
Headteacher

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## **SWIMMING LESSONS AT THE CARNIVAL POOL**

I give permission for my child ..... in Class 5H to attend swimming lessons at The Carnival Pool in April and May 2018.

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £30.00 towards the cost.

I will pay online.

Signed: ..... (Parent/Guardian)