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15th November 2021

Dear 4M Parents,

Swimming Lessons for Class 4M Children.

Swimming lessons for 4M children will take place during the Spring Term 2022 at the pool at the Sports Centre, St. Margaret's School in Merry Hill Road on Thursdays. Swimming is a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum at Key Stage 2 and is an important part of the children's Physical Education. Children should therefore go every week unless they are absent.

Swimming for 4M starts on 20th January 2022 and will continue each Thursday through to 5th May 2022, excluding February Half Term, 31st March (Year 6 School Journey week) and the Easter Holidays. The children will walk to and from the pool leaving school at 9.00am as swimming starts at 9.15am. Should a child arrive at school late, then they will be unable to swim that day.

During the first session, the children will be assessed and then placed in either a non-swimmers & beginner swimmers, an improvers or an advanced group. These groups are set by the swimming instructors and are therefore non-negotiable. Girls need a one-piece swimming costume and boys should wear a pair of trunks (no shorts please). All children with long hair require a swimming hat (hats are available from School Office at £1.50 each). If you can rub a small amount of talcum powder into the inside of the hat, it makes it much easier to put on! Your child will need a waterproof bag for wet clothes and all items of clothing including towels should be clearly named. Children should wear their swimming clothes under their school uniform to school to make changing quicker. Please remember to put underwear in the swimming bag. No jewellery may be worn in the pool, so children must be able to take out their stud earrings independently.

As of the week beginning Monday 20th January 2022 4M children will no longer be required to come to school in their PE kit on a Wednesday until 5th May as swimming is their second weekly PE lesson. They should still wear PE kit on Friday as usual.

We request a voluntary contribution of £18.00 to go towards to the cost of hiring the pool and instructors. Please sign into the School Gateway to make payment (instructions attached) and tick the consent box no later than Friday 10th December 2021.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Flint', written in a cursive style.

Helen Flint
Acting Headteacher