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Swimming At The Firs

Dear parents / carers

We are very excited to be able to offer swimming sessions, run by 'Sporty Scholars' once more after half term. This is a great opportunity for your child/children to learn and develop their swimming skills, which we believe is a fundamental life skill.

Key information:

- The temporary pool will be set up for 4 weeks after half term, under an awning on the KS2 playground and will be heated / covered.
- Swimming sessions will be offered to children YR - Y4 with taster sessions also offered to Saplings pupils (due to start Reception in September) who are attending on the days where Saplings sessions take place.
- Sessions will last half an hour.
- There will be a qualified Sporty Scholars instructor in the pool with the children and a Sporty Scholars lifeguard poolside.
- The school has devised a rota to provide staff / parent volunteer support for changing and during swimming lessons.
- The school has worked with Sporty Scholars to ensure all appropriate health and safety arrangements are in place, as part of the risk assessment process.
- If your child/children have a verruca, then please ensure that they are properly covered, otherwise they will be unable to take part in the swimming lesson. If your child/children have a contagious skin condition or there is any other reason for which your child cannot take part in the swimming programme, then please notify the school beforehand.
- Please ensure any long hair is tied back, with no earrings please (except small studs, which would be best removed if at all possible).
- At the end of the swimming programme, your child/children will take part in a swimming assessment to measure their level of competence against our swimming pathway, equivalent to the government's swimming scheme.

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What children will need for sessions

All swimming safety equipment will be provided; however, we require that all children please bring the following items:

- Fitted swimming shorts or trunks for boys
- Fitted one piece swimming costumes for girls
- Towel
- Dressing gown
- Swimming footwear (sliders, pool shoes, flip flops etc.)
- Swimming hat
- Swimming goggles (optional)

When will my child's sessions be?

We have devised a rota for the 4 weeks of swimming. Please see the swimming programme, which will be sent home with your child before half term.

Yours sincerely,



Adam J.G. Campbell
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