



Wheatcroft Primary School



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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to Swimming – Class 4 (17/18)

Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and it is a requirement that schools make it available to all children where physically possible. Our local pool at Hartham provides us with the capacity to achieve this. We appreciate that many children have swimming lessons outside of school, this certainly gives extra support to the children when we move on to teaching water safety and associated skills. This is a part of the curriculum for all children. It always helps pool staff to assess starting points and progress if you can give us information about any lessons taken elsewhere.

Thanks to our PTFA our minibus fleet enables us to transport a whole class to and from swimming lessons, thus reducing the cost tremendously. Obviously we are reliant upon trained drivers who are willing to commit to assist us. If anyone is available to help and willing to undergo the driver test please contact the office so that we can make the appropriate arrangements.

In the meantime, I would advise that Class 4 (Mrs Gent & Mrs Hickman's) children will commence their lessons with effect from **Thursday 7th September**. The children will travel by minibus to Hartham Swimming Pool and will swim twice weekly Monday & Thursday afternoon and will have 10 lessons

7th September	11th September	14th September	18th September	21st September
25th September	28th September	2nd October	5th October	9th October

Please note goggles are only permitted if your child has a deep water badge and we have a signed disclosure from you accepting full liability for their use. The pool require sight of the written disclosure before they may be used. The poolside swimming teacher will advise your child if goggles are appropriate in their lesson. Children with long hair are required to use a swimming hat. These are available from the office at a cost of £2.00. **The pool has asked us to ensure that all children are equipped with the correct swimwear to enhance lessons. Single piece costumes are a requirement for girls and swimming trunks for the boys. Swimming shorts are not appropriate for lessons.**

Unfortunately we do have to ask for a contribution of £24.50 towards the costs associated with travel and pool hire. We have been fortunate enough to considerably reduce this cost with use of the minibuses. Please make your payment; preferably by Schoolcomms, returning the slip below in a clearly marked envelope with child's name, class, item for payment. If you are unable to use Schoolcomms please enclose your cheque by **Monday 4th September**. (Please contact the office if there is any problem with timing or payment of this sum).

Yours sincerely

Head teacher

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Swimming – Class 4 17/18 (Mrs Gent & Mrs Hickman)

- I enclose £24.50 for my child(name) (Class)
- I have made payment via Schoolcomms (tick as appropriate) (Please make cheques payable to Wheatcroft School)

My child has (has had) lessons at..... (Name of Pool) Current Level.....

Signed (Parent/Carer).....