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Dear All,

Swimming (Years 3, 4 and 5)

Swimming commences on Thursday 9th January 2020. Next year swimming lessons will be for **Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5**. The children will be transported from school to the Five Rivers Leisure Centre by coach. They will return in time for the end of the school day.

Unfortunately due to budget constraints there will only be 11 lessons. The dates are:

- **9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th January 2020**
- **6th, 13th and 27th February 2020**
- **5th, 12th, 19th and 26th March 2020.**

The voluntary contribution will be **£3 per session**. This does not cover the entire cost of lessons but goes some way to covering the cost of the coach hire, swimming teachers, life guards and the hire of the swimming pool. Private swimming lessons are very expensive, so I hope you agree this still represents good value for money. Swimming is an important life skill, indeed it could be a lifesaving skill so please if you can support us in keeping the swimming sessions going. **Payments may be made weekly (£3 to their class teacher) or termly (£33 to the School Office). Payments may be made in cash, by cheque or preferably through ParentPay).**

The children going swimming need a swimming costume (no bikinis), towel and sturdy bag for these sessions (a bag that will fit into a locker please, not a suitcase!!!!) Please try not to put kit in plastic carrier bags as they invariably lead to problems. When they arrive at the pool, the children must take their shoes and socks off before they enter the changing room, so it's a good idea not to wear tights!

Also just to clarify the situation about earrings: although the swimming pool does not have a rule about earrings Wiltshire Council does. As we are a Local Authority school, we have to abide by their safety rules. We allow children to cover studs for PE lessons with tape, but this is not practical in a watery place, such as a pool, as it comes off very easily. Five Rivers don't allow tape as it gets into the water and clogs up the drains. Therefore the rule has to be no earrings for school swimming lessons.

If you have any questions regarding the finer detail of swimming please talk to Miss Crook.

Kindest regards

Kay Bridson