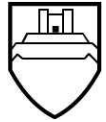




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Dear All,

**Swimming (Years 4, 5 and 6 – Fox and Robin Classes)**

This year, Five Rivers Leisure Centre have offered us the chance to have an intensive course of swimming sessions. We will swim **every morning, the week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May** between 11:00 and 11:30.

As it's the summer term and the weather is warmer (fingers crossed!), we will walk to and from the leisure centre. We will be back in time for lunchtime.

The voluntary contribution will be **£2 per session (£10 for the week)**. This does not cover the entire cost of lessons but goes some way to covering the cost of swimming teachers, lifeguards and the hire of the swimming pool. The balance will come from the school budget. 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 preferably made through ParentPay or by cash.**

The children will 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!

Due to Covid-19 rules, Five Rivers Leisure Centre have asked for the children to be dressed ready for the swimming lesson. Your child may come into school with their swimming costume on underneath their clothes or they can change in school before we walk down. After the swimming session, we will get changed at Five Rivers before walking back.

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 phone the office and Miss Crook will get back to you.**

Kindest regards

Kay Bridson