



Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

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20<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents,

### **Year 5 Redwood Swimming in April**

Your son/daughter will have the opportunity to swim at St John's pool for 10 weekly sessions next term. These sessions commence Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018, and continue until, and including, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 (not swimming on 7<sup>th</sup> May due to Bank Holiday, 4<sup>th</sup> June due to INSET, or 2<sup>nd</sup> July due to Survival Camp).

Please ensure that your child has suitable swimwear – one piece costume for girls, close fitting trunks (not shorts) for boys, and a swimming hat. Please note pupils will not be allowed to swim if they do not have a swimming hat. Long hair should be tied-up and earrings removed, any veruccas should be treated.

We ask for a voluntary contribution of £54.29 for swimming, based on the actual cost of 10 sessions for this class. This includes the cost of a bus, swimming instructors, and the usual cost of £1.70 to swim.

We would like you to make payments using our 'ParentPay' account which enables parents to pay online by 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018. If you wish to pay in two instalments, please can you make the first payment of £27.15 by 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018, and the second payment of £27.14 by 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

You are not obliged to contribute and no pupil will be excluded. If there are any difficulties about making a voluntary contribution towards the cost, please contact me. However, if the total amount required is not raised, it may not be possible to offer swimming in the future.

No refunds will be given in the event of cancellation of a swimming session if the school has incurred costs associated with that session, except in exceptional circumstances involving long-term ill-health of more than two weeks.

The Department for Education give clear guidance about swimming including the following,

'Swimming is a compulsory part of the current National Curriculum for PE. Within the law, parents do not have a right to withdraw their children from this statutory element of the National Curriculum.' *DfE website*

We look forward to enhancing the skills of Year 5 Redwood swimmers. **Please return the slip below to the school by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018.** Please give any details of badges or swimming experience on the reverse side of the return slip. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Clare Owen

**Year 5 Redwood Swimming Terms 5 and 6 2018– Please return to school by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**

- I am unable to pay the full amount and would like to discuss this with Mrs Owen.
  
- I confirm I will pay the full amount of £54.29 on 'ParentPay' by 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018.
  
- I confirm I will pay the first instalment of £27.15 by 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 followed by the second payment of £27.14 by 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

Signed ..... Child Name .....

Date .....