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Learning Together, Learning for Life

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Dear Parents/Carers of children in Year 3 - Hazel and Sycamore

We are pleased to let you know that your child will start swimming lessons next term. Lessons are a compulsory part of the PE Curriculum. Children are expected to attend every week. Swimming is an essential life skill and the Government has set a target for all children to swim at least 25 metres by the end of Year 6.

Swimming lessons take place at Woodside Leisure Centre and the children travel from school to the centre by coach. We pay for the Leisure Centre's qualified swimming instructors to teach the lessons. During the first session, the children will be assessed in the shallow learner pool and sorted into ability groups accordingly. The less able swimmers will continue to be taught in this pool. The children will need:

- a swimming costume and towel in a suitable bag
- a swimming hat
- boys swim shorts must be above knee length
- girls are not allowed to wear a bikini.

Swimming sessions are on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. From Wednesday 11th September 2019, **Year 4 Yew Class will swim every Wednesday morning** leaving school at 9.30am for their 10am lesson and returning to school around 11am. **Year 4 - Ash Class will swim every Thursday afternoon** from Thursday 12th September 2019 and will leave school at 2pm for their 2.30pm lesson. They will return to school slightly later than the normal end of the school day around 3.30pm. Please bear with us the first few weeks as it might take them longer getting changed. We will swap the swimming days for both classes after February Half Term to make it fair.

School pays for the swimming lessons and we ask Parents/Carers to contribute towards the cost of the coach travel. **The cost each week is £3.25 so the cost for next half term will be £22.75.** Payments should be made on system 'School Gateway'. If your child has Pupil Premium funding you can use this for payment. Please speak to the School Office staff about this.

If you have any queries, please contact the School Office.

Yours sincerely

Jessie Bruce
Headteacher

