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Cherry Tree Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers of children in Year 4 Ash

School Swimming Lessons – Year 4 Ash Class

We are pleased to let you know that your child will start swimming lessons next half 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 and sorted into ability groups accordingly. The less able swimmers will be taught in the learner 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.

From Thursday 5th November 2020, Year 4 – Ash Class will swim every Thursday afternoon. They 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 a little longer getting changed. The sessions will continue until during the Spring Half Term 2, when Ash Class will stop the sessions and Yew Class will take over. This will allow both classes to access the same number of swimming sessions during the academic year.

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 via the Arbor Parent Portal app. 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 faithfully

Mrs Phillips

Year 4 Ash Class Teacher

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