



19<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Year 4 – Thames Class Swimming**

In order to comply with the National Curriculum and to meet the criteria for children being able to swim 25 metres by the end of Primary School, Thames Class will be swimming on the following **FRIDAYS** during the Spring Term 2024:

-  12<sup>th</sup> January
-  19<sup>th</sup> January
-  26<sup>th</sup> January
-  2<sup>nd</sup> February
-  9<sup>th</sup> February
-  INSET DAY
-  HALF TERM
-  1<sup>st</sup> March
-  8<sup>th</sup> March
-  15<sup>th</sup> March
-  22<sup>nd</sup> March



Lessons take place at Stevenage Swimming Pool and as part of the curriculum, swimming lessons are paid entirely by the school. Parents/carers are required to contribute towards the cost of the coaches, to take the children to and from the swimming pool, which is also heavily subsidised by the school. **The total cost for the coaches is £29.70 per child for the Spring Term.** Due to safeguarding, Mrs Skeggs has requested that parents refrain from spectating during our school swimming lessons.

**Please make payments online and tick the consent box via [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com).** Parents are able to make flexible payments of varying amounts over the course of the swimming lessons, however we must remind you that **the full payment must be made by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024.** If you have any difficulties paying online, please contact the school office. **Please note that refunds will not be given if your child is absent from school.**

Your child will need a **costume/trunks and a towel (no bikinis/Bermuda shorts or swim shorts below the knee)**. If your child wishes to wear goggles for swimming please ensure that these are provided for each swimming session. Please make sure that everything is named. Stevenage Swimming Pool policy is that all earrings must be taken out, if they can't then they must be taped over. If your child has a verruca, the verruca must be covered either with treatment gel or a swim sock.

Please ensure that if your child suffers from a medical condition which may be affected by swimming, e.g. asthma, eczema, that this information is entered under the comments section when giving consent via schoolgateway. Please also indicate whether your child has been awarded any swimming certificates.

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If your child cannot go swimming on a particular day/week for medical reasons, please send an email to **admin@peartreespring.herts.sch.uk**. Children will be back in school for collection at normal time. If you have any queries, please let us know.

Please note that we will be unable to take your child swimming without your consent - **please consent NO LATER than Thursday 21st March 2024.**

The swimming pool would like to gain a little information regarding your child's current swimming ability. Please complete the questionnaire by copying and pasting the following link: <https://forms.gle/GSCk1nUyYnXMN8J48>

Yours sincerely

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Mrs D Williams  
PE Co-ordinator.