



Nash Mills CofE Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

Whole School Swimming Lessons

After half term in June, we will once again have a visiting swimming pool on our school playground and pupils in each class from Reception to Year 6 will have lessons over a two-week period. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and for our pupils living so close to bodies of water (including the canal) it is incredibly important that basic skills are developed to help protect themselves and those around them.

Traditionally, school swimming takes place whereby one year group travels to a local pool each week by coach. After a set period, the lessons finish regardless of whether the children are able to swim or not. In having an annual whole-school fortnight, we aim to provide all of our pupils with continued teaching as they move through the school – helping them to revisit skills and make progress each year. Those who are already able to swim will be offered further support and teaching, including through topics such as life-saving and water safety.

In having a pool within school, it not only means that every child gets the opportunity to develop their skills, but it also saves time where children can continue learning and eliminates the need for coach travel to the local leisure centre, which was coming at a considerable cost. We would ask for a contribution to the cost of lessons as outlined on the next page with payment made through Arbor.

After the half term break, the 'pop-up' pool and marquee will be ready on our school playground and will stay in place for two weeks. On the days specified overleaf, pupils will have lessons led by a fully qualified swimming teacher and a lifeguard. They will need to bring a swimming costume and towel with them to school in addition to goggles and a swimming hat if they have them. Each class will be split into groups, meaning that the tuition can be targeted based on the abilities within each group. They will change in a designated area of school including unused classrooms and the Key Stage 2 toilets which have large spaces and cubicles within, to ensure safety and dignity.

This is an exciting opportunity, which I hope all pupils will enjoy as much as last year.

If you have any further questions, please speak to the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Maher



Whole School Swimming Information

Monday 3rd – Friday 14th June 2024

Class	Session Focus and aims	Days swimming kit needed										Cost
		Mon 3 rd	Tues 4 th	Weds 5 th	Thurs 6 th	Fri 7 th	Mon 10 th	Tues 11 th	Weds 12 th	Thurs 13 th	Fri 14 th	
Nursery	<p style="text-align: center;">No sessions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due to age requirements for the pool</p>											
Reception	Pool fun – getting used to being in a pool and playing games. 2 sessions per child in small groups.	<p>Pupils to have two sessions each in small groups across the two weeks at the end of the school day so parents may help with changing at the end of the session if needed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Days TBC</p>										£10.80 per pupil
Year 1	Pool fun – getting used to being in a pool and playing games building towards swimming strokes.	✓		✓		✓						£10.80 per pupil
Year 2	Working to developing skills towards the national curriculum swimming expectations.	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	£25.20 per pupil
Year 3	Working on the skills needed for the national curriculum swimming requirements.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	£36 per pupil
Year 4	Securing and developing basic swimming strokes.						✓		✓		✓	£10.80 per pupil
Year 5	Securing and developing basic swimming strokes.		✓		✓					✓		£10.80 per pupil
Year 6	Lifesaving skills	<p>Pupils will have a session in small groups on one of these days TBC</p>			✓		✓	✓		✓		£18 per pupil