

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that we will be continuing with swimming lessons for the children in Classes 1 and 2. As required by the National Curriculum, the swimming lessons will focus on learning to swim and water safety. The lessons will take place on Friday mornings at the St Nicholas school pool in Alcester. Each year group will have 8 weeks of lessons, starting with Year 2, followed by Year 1 and Reception in the Summer Term.

The dates for the Year 1 swimming sessions are as follows:

<b>Friday 3/2</b>	<b>Friday 17/3</b>
<b>Friday 10/2</b>	<b>Friday 24/3</b>
<b>Friday 3/3</b>	<b>Friday 28/4</b>
<b>Friday 10/3</b>	<b>Friday 5/5</b>

We want to make changing as easy as possible for the children. So each Friday we would like the children to come to school wearing their swimming trunks / swimming costume under their clothes. We would suggest that girls wearing one-piece swim suits do not put their arms 'in' the costume to make going to the bathroom easier. We would like all children to come to school wearing their school T-shirts and sweatshirts or cardigans with plain tracksuit bottoms or leggings. The children will need a **named** bag with a **named** towel and **named** underwear to put on after the lesson; it would be helpful if swimming trunks/ costumes were also named. Children will stay in their tracksuit trousers/ leggings all day. Children with long hair should have their hair tied back securely, as our school dress code already recommends for school each day.

We have arranged for a bus to transport the children to and from the pool and will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £4 per week to cover the cost of transport. There is no obligation for you to pay, but if we do not receive contributions from the majority of the class, we will be unable to provide the sessions. Please speak to Mrs Gray or Miss Britt, in confidence, if paying will cause a problem for you. Payment may be made by cash, cheque (payable to Temple Grafton School) or via School Money, either on a weekly basis or £32 for all eight sessions. A notification will be sent to you from School Money as soon as the payment is available. The school and the PTA will be covering the cost of the pool hire.

Mrs Wood and Mrs Wilson/Mrs Undery will be accompanying the children and we would be very grateful to have two volunteers each week to help with changing the children. All volunteers will need to have the DBS check. Miss Britt will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers so if you are able to offer help on a regular basis or just for one or two weeks over the term we would really appreciate your support. Please contact Miss Britt to let her know if and when you are able to help. Volunteers are welcome to travel on the coach or to meet the children in Alcester.

Please complete the attached reply slip and return to school by Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January at the latest.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

Mary Gray

