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Dear Parents,

Swimming Lessons—Term 3 & 4 & 5

Thursday 4th January – Thursday 8th February 2024

Thursday 22nd February – Thursday 28th March 2024

Thursday 18th April – Thursday 23rd May 2024

For the next 3 terms, your child, who is in Year 3 & 4 (Mr Quant's Class, **Owls**), Year Reception (Mrs Bancroft-Turner's Class, **Wrens**) or Year 1 (Mrs Whittaker's Class, ½ **Robins**), will be going swimming every Thursday morning, starting from Thursday 4th January 2024. Due to numbers of children, Half of Robins class have already been swimming in Term 1 & 2 and they will again in Term 6, whilst the other half of the class will swim during Term 3, 4 and 5. They will all have an equal amount of swimming time.

The activity will take place during school hours and the cost is £3.50 to cover the cost of the swimming lesson and the coach to and back from Spalding Swimming Pool. This is 18 weeks in total - £63. This can be paid through your ParentPay account on a weekly basis or a lump sum, as you wish.

Swimming does form part of the National Curriculum for PE, hence it is important that your child attends these lessons. Your child will learn new skills and refine techniques regardless of their current level of ability. If your child is unable to take part in the swimming lesson due to medical reasons, they will still go to the pool to conduct a PE observation which again forms part of the PE curriculum.

Children will need a towel and suitable swimwear—a **one piece swimming costume** for the girls and **tight swimming trunks (not shorts)** for the boys. It is also advantageous for children, especially those with hair that goes into their eyes when wet, to wear a swimming cap. All children with long hair should make sure that it is tied back if they choose not to wear a swimming cap. All earrings must also be removed for swimming. These are rules insisted on by the swimming teachers for safety and optimising your child's chances of reaching their maximum swimming potential.

Yours sincerely,

C. Willows

Miss Claire Willows
Headteacher