



6 December 2024

Dear Year 3 Parents

Year 3 will begin their weekly swimming lessons at Spelthorne Leisure Centre on Friday 17th January 2025. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and legally all children must participate.

The first assessment lesson will take place on the Friday 17th January 2025. Following the assessment, the children will be divided into ability-based groups. Non-swimmers will be accompanied in the water by a qualified instructor.

Each lesson will be 30 minutes long. Groups will travel as a class by approved school transport to and from Spelthorne Leisure Centre. Groups will begin swimming at 9.30am and 10:00am respectively, returning to school straight after their lessons.

Boys should wear trunks, not loose-fit shorts because it is easier to swim faster in trunks. Goggles are allowed. Swimming hats are essential and are insisted upon by the Leisure centre as they help keep hair out of the way when they swim and it helps prevent getting headlice which love chlorinated water.

To help children please send your child to school in their PE Kit with their swimwear underneath. Please send in a towel, goggles, a swimming hat and underclothes. They should take their underclothes, towel, goggles and hat to the pool with them in a named bag.

The school does receive some funding to help cover the cost of delivering swimming lessons, but this does not cover the cost of transport. We would ask parents to make a voluntary contribution of **£47** per child towards the transport cost. We understand this is an expensive time of year so would ask that you pay at £10 deposit before the end of term with the remainder being paid by the end of January. Although the contribution is voluntary, any unpaid amounts have to be met from the school budget which will affect the amount of money we have available for other resources and equipment for the children. If you feel you will not be able to meet this additional expense, please contact the Finance Manager, Mrs L MacMahon to discuss the level of contribution you can make.

Year 3 Swimming Programme – 2025

The dates are:

Friday 17 January 2025	Lesson 1 (Assessment)
Friday 24 January 2025	Lesson 2
Friday 31 January 2025	Lesson 3
Friday 7 February 2025	Lesson 4
Thursday 13 February 2025	Lesson 5
Friday 28 February 2025	Lesson 6
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Friday 7 March 2025	Lesson 7
Friday 14 March 2025	Lesson 8
Friday 21 March 2025	Lesson 9
Friday 28 March 2025	Lesson 10

NB When you pay your £10 deposit you are giving your consent for your child to participate.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bailey
Headteacher