

July 2023

Dear parents and carers

#### Year 4 Deer, Badger, Fox and Otter swimming lessons

We have been able to arrange another term of swimming lessons for our year four children. This year we will be taking the children over two days, on Monday, it will be Otter and Badger class and on Thursday, it will be Fox and Deer class. Lessons will commence on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and the last lesson will be Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

Swimming is an important expectation of the National Curriculum, firstly helping the children learn how to swim and secondly enabling them to achieve higher levels of proficiency - in many cases developing a fine leisure activity for the future. All children are expected to participate unless they have a medical reason that prevents them, that has been discussed with the class teacher.

Girls require a one-piece swimming costume and long hair must be tied back or a swimming hat worn. Boys require a pair of trunks/ lycra shorts which must be worn above the knee and close fitting to avoid drag (the pool does not permit shorts). No jewellery at all may be worn and watches and earrings should be left at home on swimming days.

Children can come to school in their PE kits and will require a towel and plastic bag for wet items.

Please make sure you label all of the items with your child's name and class. The children are discouraged from bringing body creams, talcum powder etc.

Due to the cost of living challenges and swimming lessons being a valuable life experience, for this academic year the cost will be covered by the school but you will need to give consent on SCOPAY **from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023**.

Yours sincerely

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