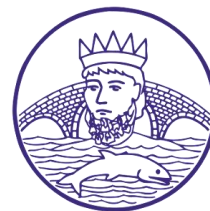


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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 6 Spring Term 2019 Swimming - Da Vinci & O'Keeffe Classes

During the Spring term Da Vinci and O'Keeffe classes will be going swimming together on Monday afternoons. The sessions start on **Monday 14th January** and will continue until **Monday 25th March**. They will leave school at **2:30pm** and will return at **4:00pm**. If the later time affects your child/ren's usual home time arrangements please let me, or the class teacher, know. **Children can be collected/dissmissed directly from the Kingfisher Leisure centre - please complete the box in Parentpay if you wish to do this.**

Each child will need:

- A towel and swimming trunks/one piece costume
- A large waterproof bag to put their clothes in while they swim
- Long hair will need to be tied back and **ALL** jewellery removed

Lessons are taught by instructors from the Kingfisher Leisure Centre or by Mr Mc Laughlin. Lifeguards will be on duty during these lessons. Children will be grouped according to their swimming ability and placed in appropriate swimming depths. If your child is anxious about swimming, please let Mr McLaughlin know so he can give them extra support.

Swimming forms a vital part of PE in the National Curriculum. The school is required to teach all children water safety and to swim 25m by the time they reach the age of 11. Obviously, regular practice is very important therefore we are always grateful if parents and carers are able to take children swimming after school or at weekends.

As advised after the swimming consultation last summer, we are requesting a contribution of £30 to enable the school to continue providing this opportunity. Without this voluntary contribution the school would find it difficult to sustain this excellent provision - thank you in advance for your support. Please pay on Parentpay.

If your child is unwell or not fit to participate, please let the school know, either in writing or by leaving a message with the school office. Any child who is unable to take part, or who has not brought their swimming kit, will remain in school with another year group.

If you have a DBS clearance or Barred List Check through the school and are available to help walk the children to and from the Kingfisher please complete the box on Parentpay as all help is greatly appreciated. We will confirm volunteer helpers by email nearer the time.

Yours sincerely

Darren Mc Laughlin

PE Coordinator

