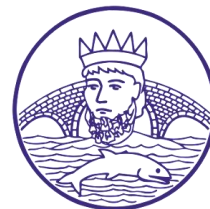


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7th September 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 3 - Magritte Swimming - Autumn Term 2015

During the Autumn term Magritte will be going swimming on Thursday mornings. The sessions start on **Thursday 10th September** and will continue until **Thursday 10th December**. They will leave school at **10:45am** and will return at **12:20pm**, in time for lunch.

Each child will need:

- A towel
- Swimming trunks or a one piece swimming costume
- A large waterproof bag to put their clothes in while they swim
- Long hair will need to be tied back and covered by a swimming hat
- To remove all jewellery, including stud earrings

The lessons will be taught by instructors from the Kingfisher Leisure Centre or by Mr Mc Laughlin. Lifeguards will be on duty during these lessons. The children will be assessed and grouped according to their swimming ability; confident swimmers will be in the main pool and developing swimmers in the shallow end or in the small pool.

Swimming forms a vital part of PE in the National Curriculum. The school has a legal requirement 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 to give them additional practise.

As usual, we are requesting a contribution of £10 to enable the school to continue providing this opportunity. Although without this voluntary contribution the school would find it difficult to sustain the excellent provision - thank you in advance for your support.



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. Appropriate work will be provided.

Some children can become quite anxious about their swimming lessons, particularly if they are non-swimmers. If you feel that your child is worried, please let the class teacher know as soon as possible so they can give the appropriate support. We recognise that some children may need time to develop their confidence in the water.

If you have a DBS clearance or List99 through the school and are available to help walk the children to and from the Kingfisher please let the office know as any help is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely



Darren Mc Laughlin
PE Coordinator

Tear off slip
Contribution for Swimming
Autumn Term 2015

I enclose £10 for _____

Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____