

King Athelstan Primary School

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Dear Families of Year 5,

During the spring term Warhol and Dali Classes will be attending school swimming lessons on Fridays.

- **Y5 swimming lessons at the Malden Centre, travelling by coach**
- **Swimming starts on Friday 12th January for 10 weeks**
- **Swimming will cost £33.62**
- **Give permission and pay on ParentPay**

Due to the closure of the Kingfisher Centre since 2019, the lessons will once again be taking place at the Malden Centre, New Malden. We will be travelling to and from the centre by coach, leaving at 8:55am and returning to school at 11:15am. **Please ensure your child arrives promptly at 8:40am when the gates open.** Please tick the box in ParentPay to give permission for your child to travel to and from the Malden Centre on the coach. The sessions start on **Friday 12th January** and will continue until **Friday 15th March 2023**.

Each child will need: a towel, swimming trunks or a one-piece swimming costume, a waterproof bag to put their clothes in while they swim, and for their wet towel and costume afterwards (not a backpack). Long hair will need to be tied back and covered by a swimming hat, and all jewellery will need to be removed, including stud earrings.

Lessons are taught by instructors from the Malden Centre and by Mr McLaughlin. The 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 our aim is to ensure all children can swim 25m by the time they reach the age of 11. 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.

Any child who has not brought their swimming kit will remain in school with another year group. We will not be able to call parents/carers if a child forgets their swimming kit as we are leaving straight after morning registration.

If you have a DBS through the school and are available to accompany any of the swimming sessions, please tick the box in ParentPay. We can run a rota so it does not have to be the same adults every week. We will confirm volunteers nearer the time.

We are requesting a contribution of **£33.62** per family. This will support with the cost of the coach hire. The cost of the swimming lessons is covered by the school budget. Thank you in advance for your support. Please pay your voluntary contribution on ParentPay. If you would like to make a voluntary overpayment to support other families, you can also do this in ParentPay.

We hope both you and your child are looking forward to the swimming provision in the spring term.

Yours sincerely,

Darren McLaughlin PE Coordinator

