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Dear Parents,

After half term, swimming lessons will resume on a **Thursday**.

Year 4 and Year 5 children will swim on each Thursday until the end of term.

Year 6 children will swim on the following Thursdays:
Thursday 7 June, Thursday 12th June and Thursday 21st June.

Year 3 children will swim on the following Thursdays:
28th June, 5th July, 12th July and 19th July.

The children will be transported by coach to Bicester swimming pool.

Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and children are expected to be able to swim by the end of their time in school. If your child is a reluctant swimmer please help us by encouraging them on swimming days. Should your child not be able to swim for any reason, we must receive a letter explaining why they should be excused from this area of the National Curriculum.

At a time when all schools are suffering from lack of funds we really need your support to help us to meet the cost of the transport to and from the swimming pool. We do need to ask for a voluntary contribution of £2.00 per session to assist with this cost and this can be completed on Tucasi.

A few notes and reminders:

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| Earrings | Please leave at home on swimming days. Oxfordshire County Council regulations prohibit the wearing of earrings or studs in the water for reasons of safety. |
| Shampoo/
Talc | These are not needed. |
| Swimming
Hats | All children must have a swimming hat. |
| Swimming
Costumes | No bikini's please.
Boys need to wear short trunks as the knee length trunks are difficult when learning to swim. |
| Goggles | Sports Centre and OCC guidelines state that it is up to the individual parent to decide if their child requires goggles. No letter is required. |

Parents are welcome to go to the **spectator's gallery** at the swimming pool to watch their child swim, but are not allowed into the changing rooms to see or assist their child.

If this is your child's first term swimming, they will be assessed by the swimming team and put in the appropriate group.

Please see your child's class teacher, if you have any particular health or safety considerations regarding your child that you think we should know about.

Thank you for your support with this.
Yours sincerely

Mrs J Paterson