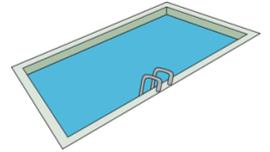




## Whaplode Church of England Primary School SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE



# SWIMMING POOL NEWSLETTER MARCH 2019

### Swimming Season

Its that time of year again when we are getting ready to get back in the pool. Our swimming season is due to start on Tuesday 23rd April. Thank you to all the committee members for their continued support, fundraising and with getting the pool ready for the new season. We will be welcoming back Holbeach Bank Primary School to use our pool for one lesson a week and also Weston St Mary Primary School will be enjoying a lesson each week. Again, their use of the pool will have no impact on our pupils' lesson time and they will also fund the time they use.

### Our commitment to swimming

The ASA say nationally only 49% of children leave school being able to swim 25m and most only get lessons in one of their Primary years (7% of schools offer no swimming). At Whaplode, **97% of the year 6 pupils last year could swim 25m or further** by the time they left in the summer. We provide sessions for every year group, meaning they receive 80 hours swimming over their school life compared to the national average of just 25 hours!

### After School Swimming Lessons

We are pleased to say that after school swimming lessons will be on offer again this year. Tuesday sessions will be for children in years 1, 2 & 3 and Wednesday sessions will be for children in years 4, 5 & 6. These lessons prove great value for money and spaces are filling up fast. If you would like to enrol your child in after school swimming lessons, please contact the office.

### Swimming Costs

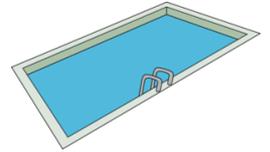
It costs the committee up to **£2000** a year to run the swimming pool in heating, water, chemical charges and general upkeep. We are proud that we are able to run the pool so that every year group has the chance to swim. With the pool being on the school grounds it also means there is no travelling time or costs which is better for everyone. **We are only able to keep the pool running with the donations and contributions we receive.**

We therefore ask for a payment of **£2 per week** per child for swimming. There will be up to 12 weeks in the summer term where children can swim twice a week. If you wish to pay in advance we ask for a payment of **£20 to cover the term**. This works out at approximately £1 per 25 minute lesson, which we believe is very good value!

Please complete the attached slip and return it to the school office along with your payment towards swimming lessons.



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### **Swimming Kit**

Children will need a towel and swimming costume/trunks to be brought into school in a suitable bag. All these items need to be named. It is requested that the boys wear snug fitting trunks rather than shorts as the shorts tend to fill with air, soak up water and make it more difficult to learn to swim. It should also be noted that no jewellery is allowed in the pool to prevent any accidental damage to the liner (earrings must be removed – please note that the teachers cannot help with this). Nail varnish and temporary tattoos are also not permitted in the pool.

### **Easter Bunny Hunt**

We will be holding our annual Easter bunny hunt on the last day of term. Sponsor forms have been sent home and each child will receive a small easter egg when they bring their bunny hunt sponsor money in to school.

### **Bingo Night**

The committee are organising an Easter bingo night on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Doors open at 5.45pm and we hope to finish by 7.30pm. There will be a small raffle, stand up bingo game, refreshments and of course, lots of easter eggs to be won. We do hope you will support this event and help to raise funds for our pool.

### **Second-hand uniform for sale**

We have a selection of uniform for sale. Items include school logo jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts and PE tops. Also available: trousers, dresses, pinafores, skirts, plimsolls and football boots. All items are priced between 50p and £2. Please contact Anneli Killen on 07919 816962 if you are interested. If you have any unwanted uniform to donate, please leave it at the school office. All money raised goes to Whaplode Swimming Pool Committee.

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### **Summer Term Swimming Lesson Payment Slip**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a payment of £ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover swimming lessons for the Summer Term.

**OR**

I will pay £2.00 each week for swimming lessons.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer Date \_\_\_\_\_