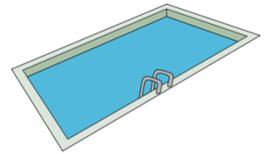




Whaplode Church of England Primary School **SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE**



SWIMMING POOL NEWSLETTER MARCH 2020

Storm Ciara

Unfortunately, our pool building fell victim to storm Ciara in February when a roof panel came loose and slid down off the roof and ended up on the school field! Luckily some local residents noticed what had happened and notified staff. Committee members, staff and other volunteers managed to get to the school quickly and get the panel back in place. Disaster avoided. THANK YOU to everyone who came out in the awful weather and helped make the pool roof secure.

Easter Bunny Hunt

Our annual Easter bunny hunt will be held on the last day of term, 2nd April, where children will have the chance to find bunnies hidden around the school grounds. 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. All sponsor money should be returned to school by Friday 24th April. Larger Easter egg prizes will be awarded to the KS1 pupil and KS2 pupil who raise the most sponsor money and return it to school. **Good Luck to all our bunny hunters!**

Bingo Night

The committee organised a family bingo night on Thursday 13th February. The event proved very popular and we are pleased to say we raised £321.00 on the night. Thank you to all who supported the event.

Swimming Season

We are getting ready to get back in the pool and get our swimming lessons underway for 2020. Our swimming season is due to start on Monday 20th 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 Weston St Mary Primary School who 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

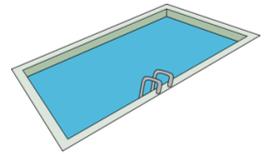
The ASA say nationally only 49% of children leave school being able to swim 25m and most only get lessons in one of their Primary years (7% of schools offer no swimming). At Whaplode, **100% of the year 6 pupils last year could swim 25m or further** by the time they left in the summer. We provide sessions for every year group, meaning they receive 80 hours swimming over their school life compared to the national average of just 25 hours!

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.**



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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, in a named envelope, clearly marked Swimming Pool Committee. Please note that change cannot be issued so please send the correct amount. This payment is direct to the committee and not through parentmail.

After School Swimming Lessons

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 space is limited. If you would like to enrol your child in after school swimming lessons, this can be done through parentmail.

Swimming Kit

Children will need a towel and appropriate one-piece swimming costume or trunks to be brought into school in a suitable bag. **All these items need to be named.** It is recommended that snug fitting trunks are worn rather than shorts as long shorts make it more difficult to learn to swim. Please note 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.

Second-hand uniform for sale

We have a selection of uniform for sale. Items include school logo jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts and PE tops. 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 Fund.

Summer Term Swimming Lesson Payment Slip

Please return in a named envelope, marked Swimming Pool Committee.

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.

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO WHAPLODE SWIMMING POOL FUND

Signed _____ Parent/Carer Date _____