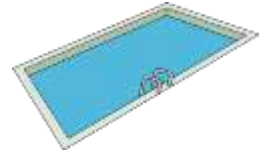




Whaplode Church of England Primary School **SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE**



SWIMMING POOL NEWSLETTER MARCH 2021

Summer Term Swimming

We are very hopeful that we will be back in the pool for our weekly swimming lessons after the Easter break. It is great to see all the children in school again and we cannot wait to see them enjoying the pool once again. Our swimming lessons are due to start from Monday 19th April, your child will be told which day they are swimming in a separate letter.

Amazon Smile

Thank you to those who are shopping through Amazon Smile. The committee signed up to Amazon Smile so we can generate extra funds for our charity – the more people use it, the more we can earn. If you shop with Amazon via the link below, we will earn money for the pool at no extra cost to you. You have to go via the link each time you shop for it to register the donation to us.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1056670-0>

Lincolnshire CO-OP Community Champions

We are delighted to announce that we received an amazing £1003.95 from the Lincolnshire Co-op community champion scheme. This was raised at the Whaplode shop through dividend card holders shopping there. Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to this.

Crisp Packet Recycling Scheme

We are still collecting empty crisp packets and multi pack outer wrappers. If you have any at home, please send them in with your child. They will be quarantined for a suitable period before being sent off to be recycled. We earn money for our pool funds according to the weight of crisp packets we send off.

Our commitment to swimming

Swimming and water safety are a statutory part of PE in the national curriculum. This means that all Year 6 children should be able to swim at least 25m competently and keep themselves safe in and around water, by the time they leave primary school.

Swim England say nationally only around half of children leave primary 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, we are very proud to report that between 95% and 100% of year 6 pupils can swim 25m or further by the time they leave us. We provide sessions for every year group, meaning they receive up to 80 hours swimming over their school life compared to the national average of just 25 hours!

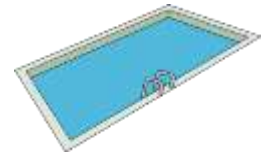
Swimming Costs

It costs the committee up to **£2000** a year to run the swimming pool with heating, water, chemical charges, maintenance 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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This summer, as we can only offer 1 swimming lesson a week, rather than the usual 2, we are asking for a payment of £12 per child, to cover the 12 weeks of swimming. This payment will go towards the pool running costs.

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

Unfortunately, at this time we are unable to offer after school swimming lessons. This is due to children needing to remain in their class bubbles and cannot mix with other classes. This is something we will offer as soon as we are able to.

Swimming Kit

Children will need a towel and appropriate one-piece swimming costume (no bikinis) 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 also contact Mrs Killen. All money raised goes to Whaplode Swimming Pool Fund.

Changing Room Update

We are very hopeful that work will start on our changing room project this summer. We are currently in the process of obtaining quotes for the work needed, and trying to organise fund raising events. It is all very exciting and we will keep you posted.

Summer Term Swimming Lesson Payment Slip

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

Name _____ Class _____

I enclose a payment of £12.00 per child to cover swimming lessons for the Summer Term.

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO WHAPLODE SWIMMING POOL FUND

Signed _____ Parent/Carer Date _____

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