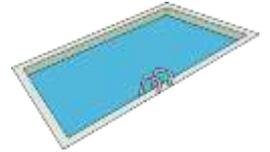




Whaplode Church of England Primary School **SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE**



SWIMMING POOL NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2020

Term 1 Swimming

We were delighted to see the pool in use again during September and October. All classes apart from EYFS have had swimming lessons during term 1, making the most of our great facility. Years 1 & 2 swam twice a week, when the weather allowed, and enjoyed swimming with floats and woggles, swimming through hoops, playing with footballs, buckets and watering cans, as well as learning about water safety.

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 swam once a week and are continuing to make great progress and develop their water confidence and skills. The children have been working on their front crawl, back stroke and breast stroke, along with talking about staying safe in and around water. Thank you very much to those who sent in payments towards the weekly swimming lessons. It really does help towards the costs of running the swimming pool in heating, water, chemical charges and general upkeep. **We are only able to keep the pool running with the donations and contributions we receive.**

Hedgehog Hunt

The hedgehog hunt went ahead on the last day of term. It was great to see all the children enjoying looking for the hedgehogs that were hiding outside. Please can all sponsor money be returned to school by Friday 6th November. Children will receive a small prize for returning the money they have raised, and there is a prize for the class that raises the most money.

Crisp Packets

We continue to collect crisp packets for recycling. Thank you for saving them and bringing them into school. Please do not include popcorn packets as these cannot be recycled.

Amazon Smile

With Christmas fast approaching and many of us now doing more online shopping, the committee have signed up to Amazon Smile. 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.

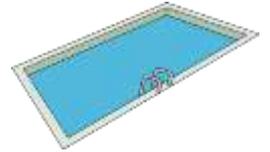
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Christmas Fundraising

Unfortunately, this year we will not be holding our Christmas Fair. Instead the committee are organising a number of events which we hope will raise funds for our changing room refurbishments. The children have been busy designing Christmas cards which look amazing. These packs of cards can be purchased and a percentage of the price will go into our pool funds. **Look out for the cards coming home very soon.**



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We will also be holding a Christmas raffle – in a covid safe way. Please look out for tickets being sent home towards the end of November. We would appreciate any donations of raffle prizes, such as Christmas sweets, chocolates or biscuits which can be made into hampers. If we get enough items, we will make up a hamper for each class and one lucky person from that class will win their hamper. We also hope to have other great prizes too. More details to follow soon about the raffle.

We will also be holding our own Christmas jumper day during December, and in the New Year we hope to run an after school movie club once a week. More details will be sent out soon.

End of Season

The pool will now be closing over the winter, however, we are constantly working behind the scenes all year round to ensure we have this amazing facility for our children. The committee welcome any new members, donations of prizes or help with any of our fundraising efforts. Please contact the school office if you wish to get involved.

The Swimming Pool Committee would like to thank everyone for their continued support in what has been a challenging few months. We are very grateful for the support we receive from families and friends of the school. We wouldn't be able to keep the pool running for our children without your generosity.