



Ashford Park Primary School

'Inspiring a love for lifelong learning'

26th February 2019

Arrangements for Year 3 Woodpecker Class Swimming

Dear Parent/Carer,

Swimming tuition is a compulsory part of the statutory national curriculum for all primary school children and at Ashford Park is currently taught in Year 5. We are looking to lower this so that children can be taught to swim in Year 3, therefore this year we have children swimming in Years 5, 4 and 3.

The lessons will take place at the swimming pool at Saxon School in Shepperton on Tuesday afternoons and will start on **30th April – 16th July 2019**. If there are any changes to dates your child will be notified.

The class will be split into two groups. One group will be transported by minibus to the school accompanied by a Learning Support Assistant. There they will receive 30 minutes swimming tuition from the Swim Quests qualified swimming instructors at a ratio of 1:8. The other group will remain at school. The groups will then swap over.

Your child will need to bring a named carrier bag (this is due to the fact that their entire uniform including shoes and towel will need to fit into the bag whilst they are in the pool) containing a towel, swimming costume and a pair of goggles if needed. Your child must also bring a swimming cap. These can be bought very cheaply at leisure centres and sports shops. It is helpful to put a SMALL amount of talcum powder inside the cap as this helps when we are putting the children's caps on. Your child does not need to wear their costume to school under their uniform as they will have plenty of time to change at the pool.

As well as having lots of fun, the children will be taught water survival techniques and basic to more advanced swimming skills following the ASA national teaching plan. In order that we can provide this important part of the children's education, parents are asked for a voluntary contribution of £31.50 towards the costs of the lessons.

Please complete the attached permission slip and return it to school with your contribution by **Wednesday 24th April**.

Yours sincerely

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