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Dear Parent/Carer

Swimming Lessons 2023-24

Swimming is a life skill and schools are required to provide swimming instruction as part of the school curriculum. It is imperative that children develop basic swimming skills at primary school, and in light of this we would like all classes to have swimming instruction in the 2023-24 academic year.

There is a significant cost to this activity including coach travel, venue hire and swimming instructors, and to help offset the cost we ask parents to contribute. Each class will have 5 lessons at Huish Leisure Pool on Mondays throughout the year at a cost of £5.00 per session (£25 in total).

Autumn half-term 1 – Red Kite & Peregrine - 18.9.23 to 16.10.23 Autumn half-term 2 – Buzzard & Sparrowhawk - 6.11.23 to 4.12.23 Summer half-term 1 – Kestrel & Harrier - 15.4.24 to 20.5.24 (excluding 6.5.24 Bank Holiday) Summer half-term 2 – Merlin & Yr6 Catch Up (selected pupils) – 10.6.24 to 15.7.24 (excluding 1.7.24 Inset Day)

Please can you make sure that boys do not wear long, knee-length swimming shorts; they should wear either trunks or short swimming shorts. Girls should wear swimming costumes, not bikinis. It is also advantageous if your child can come to school on their swimming day wearing their trunks or swimming costume under their school uniform, as this saves time when changing and enables us to have more swimming time, but don't forget to pack their underwear!

The payment item will not appear on ParentPay until the start of the new academic year, but we wanted to make you aware that swimming would be resuming quite early on in the new term. Once the item is published, when we return to school in September, payment should be made in the usual way, where permission will also need to be provided to enable your child to participate. As with all trips of this kind the Governor's Charging Policy, which is in line with the County policy, applies. If you have any concerns regarding payment, please contact the school office.

We hope that you will be able to support this activity to allow all the children here at King Ina to participate.

Yours sincerely

Mr B Smith Class Teacher/Head of Sport