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Dear Parents,

Y5 swimming lessons at Basingstoke Sports Centre

After half term, Year 5 will be going swimming at the Sports Centre. Sessions will take place on the following dates:

- Monday 13th April (Please note: this is the first day back after the Easter break)
- Monday 20th April
- Monday 27th April
- Thursday 7th May (this will be a 30 minute lesson)
- Monday 18th May

How is it organised?

The children will have a 45-minute swimming lesson each week. During their first session, swimming instructors will assess the pupils and place them into groups based on ability. This makes sure the teaching is tailored to each child's level.

Timings:

Attenborough Class: Leaving school at 9:00am, returning by 11:00am.

Darwin Class: Leaving school at 9:30am, returning by 11:30am, except on Thursday 7th May, when they will leave at 10:25am and return at 12:00pm.

We need two parent volunteers to walk with each class for every session. If you are able to accompany your child's class on any of the dates, please let us know. Volunteers must have a DBS check, so contact the school office if one needs to be arranged.

What will the children need?

- A one-piece swimming costume (no bikinis or tankinis) or swimming trunks, packed in a suitable bag for your child to change into at the pool
- a towel
- goggles if they have them
- swimming hat (if they have one). It isn't essential, but it is strongly encouraged and appreciated by the Sports Centre. It also helps because the children won't have time to dry their hair after their lesson
- a snack to eat (the children get hungry after their swimming session)
- a suitable coat (we will be walking whatever the weather- even rain).

Children will need to bring all items in a named bag. A bag for life is an ideal size.

If your child requires an inhaler, we will use the one already kept in school.

Children can still order a school dinner on swimming days.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team

Headteacher: Miss A Westaway

Deputy Head: Miss S Dunn

