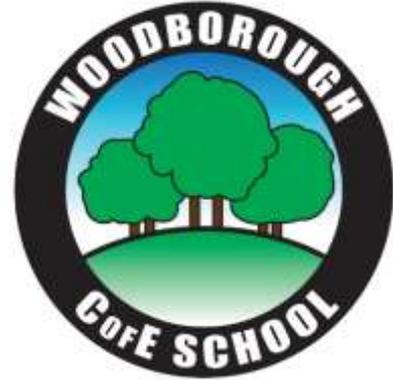


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28<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Swimming Lessons – Summer Term 2019**

Pupils in Lime and Willow Class will begin their swimming lessons **on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April** in the afternoon. The lessons will run throughout Terms 5 and 6 for 10 weeks and will take place at Marlborough Leisure Centre. Children will be transported by coach, leaving school at approximately 1.00 pm and returning for the end of the school day.

Swimming and water safety are **statutory requirements** of the National Curriculum, which states that:  
**All schools must provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2.**

In particular, pupils should be taught to:

- **swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres**
- **use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]**
- **perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations**

We are absolutely delighted to let you know that this year our pupils will be taught by two swimming teachers, Mrs Jo Borthwick and Mrs Caroline Allsop, both of whom are very much looking forward to working with the children and staff.

School staff and our swimming teachers alike are very aware that within the class there is a broad range of both swimming confidence and competence. Together we are very keen that all pupils should get the most from their swimming sessions in terms of pool time and progression. The first swimming session on April 24<sup>th</sup> will enable Mrs Borthwick and Mrs Allsop to assess the children's swimming skills and thereafter they will group the children to maximise the progress they can make over the rest of the terms. Confident and already proficient swimmers will be able to complete challenges including aquatic skills, self-rescue, distance challenges and survival, all of which will complement and enhance the swimming they may already be doing outside of school in ASA Grades 5 and beyond.

All pupils will require a swimming bag containing swimming costume (no bikinis or costumes with complicated straps, please) or trunks (no board shorts, please), swimming goggles, swim hats for girls and a towel. To minimise changing time after our swimming sessions, socks are definitely preferable to tights on swimming days.

Transport, pool time and tuition for swimming lessons is costly and despite a subsidy from our PTA, to whom we are extremely grateful, we still need to ask for a voluntary contribution of £30 from parents towards the lessons, please. Mrs Hobbs will set up the parental contribution on our School Gateway system and will make provision for it to be paid either as a whole amount or spread across the summer term.

We hope that these new arrangements with regard to transport, extended pool time and more focussed tuition will afford the children the opportunities to successfully meet the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum and become happy, proficient and more confident swimmers.

**Finally, it is vital that you complete the form below and return in to school as soon as possible, please.**

Please don't hesitate to contact either the office or myself if you have any concerns or require additional information.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Brewis

<b>Willow &amp; Lime Class Swimming Lessons, Summer Terms 2019</b>	
Childs Name:	
Does your child have weekly lessons outside of school? If yes, please state stage	Yes / No
If your child has received any certificates, awards or grades for their swimming please indicate their most recent award received.	
<b>Can your child swim 2 lengths of a 25mtr pool competently and continuously?</b>	Yes / No
<b>If no to the above:</b>	
<b>Can your child swim 1 width competently?</b>	Yes / No
<b>If no to the above:</b>	
<b>Is your child a non-swimmer?</b>	Yes / No
Can your child perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.	Yes / No
I will make a donation of £30 towards the cost of the course of lessons via School Gateway.	
Signature of parent	