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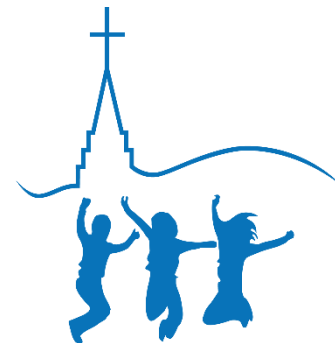
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St. Michael's CE (VA) Junior School

3rd March 2023

Year 3 Swimming

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of PE National curriculum, all schools must provide swimming instruction either in Key stage 1 or Key stage 2. Pupils should be taught to: **swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres** using a range of strokes effectively.

Owing to the swimming pool at Great Baddow being closed since September for renovation and repair works, we have unfortunately not been able to provide year 3 children with the same swimming offer as we have in the past. During the period of closure, we made every effort to find a suitable pool replacement but, as I am sure you can appreciate, they had all allocated their slots to schools.

Before half term, Great Baddow High School informed us that they would be reopening their pool after Easter and we would very much like to enable the current year 3 cohort to access this although this will be different from previous years. This will also enable us to consider how to allocate swimming lessons to our current year 4 pupils as they missed their lessons owing to Covid.

We have been offered a Tuesday slot from 10.15am – 11.30am for 10 weeks, starting straight after Easter (please see dates below). Every fortnight this will fall on a PPA week but it will just form part of their PE lesson that day.

The year 3 cohort will swim on the same day, in the same time slot, although in two groups and we have employed two swimming instructors to teach these lessons. Each lesson will be 30 minutes long and the children will swim for 10 weeks on the following Tuesdays:

18th April 2023, 25th April, 2nd May, 16th May, 23rd May, 6th June, 13th June, 20th June, 27th June and the 4th July. The children will not swim on the 9th May, as this is SATs week.

To enable us to take advantage of this time slot, just for the summer, we will be unable to use our minibus for transportation, as it doesn't have the capacity to take the entire year 3 cohort. Therefore, we will be transporting all the children and adults by coach. As a result, there will be a transportation cost incurred by parents, which is £32.10 for the 10 weeks that calculates as £3.21/week. Year 3 staff will be accompanying the children to GBHS. For any children who do not swim, they will remain at school (more details to follow about the plan for those children remaining at school, if they choose not to swim).

To assist us in grouping the children to ensure that the children get the most out of their lessons, we would ask you to complete the below reply slip to tell us about your children's current swimming ability. We would ask you to return this by Friday 10th March so we can start to group the children. After this date, we will then send another letter to confirm all the details.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Marlow
PE Subject Leader



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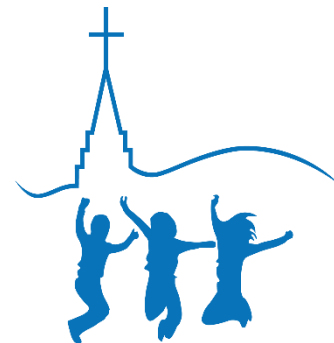
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Child's name: Class:

My child can:

Not swim at all (beginner)

Swim up to 25 metres unaided

Swim more than 25 metres unaided

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Signed:

Date:

