



HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dear Parents and Carers

CURRICULUM SWIMMING

We are looking forward to the start of our curriculum swimming after half term, on Tuesday 3rd June 2014 (Monday 2nd is an INSET day). This will take place on the following days:

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 1.00-1.40 pm **Grasshoppers**
1.40-2.20 pm **Caterpillars**
2.20-3.00 pm **Ladybirds**

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 1.20 -1.50 pm **Butterflies**
1.50 - 2.30 pm **Honeybees**
2.30 - 3.10 pm **Dragonflies**

As in previous years, we also need help and support from you as parents, on a rota basis. Please try to find at least one afternoon that you can give us your assistance. A parent rota will be in the school foyer. We do have a risk assessment in place and in order for us to comply, it is important that young children **do not** accompany the parent helper.

Swimming costumes must be one piece for the girls and swimming trunks (not shorts) for the boys. **All children** (including boys!) with hair over their ears should wear a swimming hat. Mrs Price has a small stock of swim hats for sale at £1.00. Ear studs should be removed, but if this is not possible, the child must bring their own tape to put over the studs. Goggles are not permitted unless there are health issues and a disclaimer is signed; these are obtainable from the school office. As the children change in their classrooms, it is useful to have a pair of flip flops or crocs for the walk from class to pool. It is important that all children in Ladybird, Caterpillar and Grasshopper classes bring their **own named armbands ready inflated for the first lesson, even if they can already swim**. They will be tested in the first session and an assessment will be made of whether they need to bring them for subsequent lessons. In the past, we have also found it beneficial for children in Ladybirds to have a hooded towelling robe or one that goes over their head.

P.T.O.

The letter from the Tewin Family Swimming Club (TFSC) committee (attached) has information about payment towards swimming lessons for the term. Please see Mrs Simpson confidentially if you feel you might have financial difficulty in paying for curriculum swimming.

We are extremely grateful to the TFSC committee for their hard work and commitment in maintaining the pool and ensuring it continues to be a valuable resource for the school as well as the local community.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Alison Simpson
Headteacher