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Dear Parents/Carers of children in Year 3 - Hazel and Sycamore

We are pleased to let you know that your child will start swimming lessons in September. Lessons are a compulsory part of the PE Curriculum and children are expected to attend every week. Swimming is an essential life skill and the Government has set a target for all children to swim at least 25 metres by the end of Year 6.

Swimming lessons take place at Woodside Leisure Centre and the children travel from school to the centre by coach. We pay for the Leisure Centre's qualified swimming instructors to teach the lessons. During the first session, the children will be assessed in the shallow learner pool and sorted into ability groups accordingly. The less able swimmers will continue to be taught in this pool. The children will need:

- a swimming costume and towel in a suitable bag
- a swimming hat
- boys swim shorts must be above knee length
- girls are not allowed to wear a bikini.

As we have two Year 4 classes, we have been unable to arrange the lessons at the same time due to other bookings at the pool. From Wednesday 6th September 2017, **Year 4 Ash Class will swim every Wednesday morning** leaving school at 9.30am for their 10am lesson and returning to school around 11am. **Year 4 - Yew Class will swim every Thursday afternoon** from Thursday 7th September 2017 and will leave school at 2pm for their 2.30pm lesson. Unfortunately, due to this being the only available slot for their lesson, they will return to school slightly later than the normal end of the school day. We hope they will be back by 3.30pm but please bear with us the first few weeks. We will swap the swimming days for both classes after February Half Term to make it fair.

We subsidise the cost of swimming lessons, so parents/carers only contribute £3 per week. The cost for this half term will be £21.00. Payments should be made on our electronic payment system 'School Gateway'. If your child has Pupil Premium funding (i.e. been entitled to Free School Meals in last 6 years), you can claim 50% discount off the cost of the swimming lessons.

If you have any queries, please contact the School Office.

Yours sincerely

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